

**A  
HISTORY  
OF  
ESPERANTO IN NEW ZEALAND**

**1964 - 1985**

**BOOK 2**

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**THIS BOOK  
IS DEDICATED TO  
DR. L.L. ZAMENHOF  
WHO HAD HIGH HOPES THAT  
AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE WOULD  
GREATLY HELP PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP  
AND UNDERSTANDING**

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**Esperanto is a simple, planned International Language. It is not intended to replace the National Languages, but simply to serve as a ready means of communication between people with different mother tongues.**

**Learning Esperanto is a good introduction to the learning of foreign languages.**

**The student after a year's study should be able to correspond with an overseas pen friend, hold a general conversation and read an Esperanto magazine with confidence.**

## THE SAGA OF THE LOST MANUSCRIPT

The purpose of writing this book, "The History of Esperanto in New Zealand 1964 - 1985" was to mark the Centenary of the birth of Esperanto by Dr. L.L. Zamenhof in 1887.

This manuscript was almost ready for printing in January 1987 when the authors were persuaded (most unwillingly) to have it put on computer. Despite requests to have it returned, regrettably it was all in vain.

Now after six years, the authors have decided that the manuscript is unlikely to be returned, and have rewritten the History.

They regret that after this period of time, some notes have disappeared, and some previous sources have been unavailable.

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Other publications by the same authors.

Typing and Duplicating "Esperanto in N. Z. 1904 - 1963" by W.H. King. 1972  
Compiling and Publishing "NZEA Esperanto Song Book". 1981

## JUBILEE YEAR 1964

**JUBILEE YEAR** marked the 60th anniversary of the public meeting in Auckland when the Esperanto Society in New Zealand was born. A weekend of celebration was held in September in this same city.

**AFFILIATED CLUBS** in 1964 were from Auckland, Burnham, Christchurch, Dargaville, Dunedin, Hamilton, Hawera, Kapi-Mana, Lower Hutt, Miramar, New Lynn, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Papatoetoe, St.Albans, Takapuna, Trentham, Wanganui, Wellington, Whangarei.

Balance sheet of the 29th N.Z. Esperanto Congress 28.12.63 - 1.1.64 was as follows

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d	<u>Income</u>	£	s	d
Hall Hire	24	0	0	Subscriptions			
Hire of Buses	30	0	0	68 Attending	102	10	0
Teas etc.	14	8	9	9 Junior	2	5	0
Post & Stationary	2	15	6	4 2-Day	2	15	0
Programmes	8	17	6	9 1-Day	3	7	6
Official Photos	1	0	0	64 Supporting	16	0	0
General Expenses	1	17	6	Donations	6	5	6
Exchange		1	0	Interest		3	7
Profit	50	6	4				
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With the help of Mr Fred Fleming of Government Tourist & Publicity Department, a thankyou letter from N.Z.E.A. including a coloured brochure about New Zealand was sent to the 250 people in 26 countries who sent greetings to the 29th N.Z.E.A. Congress. The 54 people who replied with thankyou cards were sent the "Story of Wellington" published in Esperanto by the Public Relations Office.

Esperanto displays appeared in Lower Hutt, Heretaunga College, Hawera and in Dunedin where postcards were on view at the Club, the Public Library and Queens High School. The Wellington Club had two displays during the year and a parcel of material was sent to South Wellington Intermediate School.

### Report from the Information Officer Mrs B.M. Harvey

The year 1964 got away to a flying start with the visit of Mrs Doris Worcester of England and "Oomoto" Japan. During her stay in New Zealand from December 17th 1963 until March 16th 1964 she promoted Esperanto whenever possible. Here is a brief summary of all she did.

Four television interviews, two of them for children; eleven daily newspaper interviews in eight cities, also two interviews with our weekly magazines, the "N.Z. Listener" and the "N.Z. Womens Weekly"; twelve radio programmes six of which were especially for children; talks to approximately 3000 girls and boys in six schools; talks to two Teachers Training Colleges. She wrote two articles for "Junior Digest".

Mrs Worcester also addressed the Blenheim Victoria League, the Women's Division of Federated Farmers, both in Christchurch. She met Mr Austin, the Assistant General Manager (Travel) of the Government Tourist and Publicity Department and suggested that he try to promote visits to New Zealand from Japan and elsewhere by means of Esperanto speaking tour conductors and information booklets in Esperanto.

Another visitor was Mr Armando Cortes Garcia from Cheste, Spain. He visited Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and New Plymouth. In Wellington Mr Garcia was interviewed by Doreen Kelso, Radio 2ZB during a Women's Hour programme. To conclude, Doreen invited Mr Garcia to send greetings in Esperanto to all Esperantists in New Zealand

**TEACHERS' THREE DAY COURSE:** An Esperanto Course for teachers, organised by the N.Z. Teachers Association was held from 27th to 29th January 1964 in the Wellington Polytechnic with Mr. Bertram Potts as teacher. The Course covered pronunciation, grammar and international style. Fee was \$1.00. Hours were 9.30am to noon; and 1.30 to 3.30pm. Another Pressure Cooker Course for teachers was held in August. This offered a wonderful opportunity to obtain basic grounding, sufficient to allow a teacher to take a class and polish his language as he teaches.

**ESPERANTO IN SCHOOLS:** Mr. J.J. Shallcross, Vice Principal of Wellington Teachers College introduced Mr. Bertram Potts on February 20th 1964 to a group of 20 young men and women students who wanted to form an Esperanto Hobby class. The class met for one & a quarter hours each Thursday.

Esperanto was also being taught in the South Wellington Intermediate School, Rintoul Street by Mr. D. McLeod, and Linwood Intermediate School, Christchurch by Mrs. Turner. At both schools, the pupils totalled about 80. Mr. Dan Fearon, secretary of the N.Z. Teachers Esperanto Association organised the Courses.

It was reported that in Wanganui, evening classes were continuing in the Technical College. Mr. C.C. Day, the principal, announced that the Education Department had given consent to Esperanto being taught as an evening school subject for adults. Mrs. E.M. Shaw had begun teaching on 12th April 1962 and was still continuing.

Mr. Fearon, secretary of the N.Z.T.E.A. was awarded a teaching exchange appointment in England. Mr. Fearon had taught Esperanto at Fraser Intermediate School, Upper Hutt for 3 years.

Mr. Wilson, a Lower Hutt member, organised a competition for schools for musical work sung or introduced in Esperanto and recorded on tape. Final judging was made at the following Congress in Christchurch. Later, taped programmes were to be sent to UEA Tape Library from which interested people from any land could obtain copies in exchange for equivalent blank tapes. In addition, programmes could be offered to European Radio Stations who present regular Esperanto programmes. So far, at the time of this report, 15 schools, Primary and Secondary had submitted entries, including choral works, instrumental groups, orchestral work, a band and so on. There were entries from several schools who had not previously shown any interest in Esperanto.

Miss Wildey, a teacher of Languages at Queens High, Dunedin, made a strong case for acceptance of Esperanto as an optional subject for School Certificate Examination to the N.Z. Education Department.

**A NEW ESPERANTO GROUP IN BLENHEIM:** 26 people attended the first class at Marlborough Boy's College. Mr. Peter Lovell was supported by Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Martin, formerly of Upper Hutt who had been attending Lower Hutt Club before this transfer.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT:** This moved to Auckland in 1964 still under the management of Mrs C.M. Larsen. Sales at the 29th Congress were £50 16 4. Book-Day sales were around £200. New titles during the year were a larger edition of "Plena Vortaro" at 30/- and "Dia Komedio" at 80/-

**DIAMOND JUBILEE.** During the weekend of 12th & 13th September 1964, the Auckland Esperanto Society arranged a Jubilee Celebration in the S.P.C.A. Rooms, Eden Terrace, for the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Auckland Club and the commencement of the Esperanto Movement in New Zealand. 91 Esperantists attended or financially supported the Celebration.

On Saturday morning, the celebration began with light refreshments, and afterwards Mr. F.S. Hume, the President of the Auckland Society, welcomed the gathering. Mr. C.W. Brandon, the senior member of the Society spoke about the early days and Club reports followed. Mr. W. King spoke of the history of the Movement.

After lunch, Mr. Bob Perfect spoke about the future role of Esperanto. Mr. B. Potts warned about errors which were commonly made by candidates in the examination for the Diploma of the British Esperanto Examination (DBEA.) Mrs. Rita Aagaard showed slides of Esperanto activities she attended while in Europe.

Saturday evening, a delightful programme was presented. Items presented included Banjo, piano-accordion, piano, violin, drama, guitar, anecdotes and singing. It was an excellent programme and praised by those who attended.

Sunday morning, Mr. Bert Potts spoke on "Highlights of my Esperanto Life," while Dr. Hamvai chose the subject "Logical Esperanto, Illogical Esperantists." In the afternoon a debate was presented, "That Crossing the Auckland Harbour Bridge should be free of Tolls." Miss Sylvia Hill and Mr. Ernie Warren took the affirmative and Fred Wood and Arthur Wiltshire the negative. Against the general opinions of Aucklanders, the negative team was judged the winner.

The concluding item was the showing of the Esperanto-spoken film, "Jen Aŭstralia" (This is Australia.) At the finish, Mr. & Mrs. Aagaard invited any who wished to visit their home in the evening.

The following report appeared in the Auckland Star on 14th September 1964. "States needed to Sponsor Esperanto." "Esperanto must be sponsored by a group of powerful States as a neutral second common language," said Mr. S.R. Perfect, a communications overseer



speaking recently at an Esperanto Congress celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the language's introduction to New Zealand in Auckland. "Esperantists must accept that such a language could not spring spontaneously into being," he added.

"History showed that second languages in the past had been national tongues foisted upon nations by the military and economic power of one country. As soon as the conquerors yoke had been thrown off, the language with its associations of subservience, declined. A neutral common language, accepted by convention, would not carry the same seeds of decay, but a group of powerful advanced States would be needed to sponsor it as a desirable lingual instrument by using it for their every day trade, diplomatic, cultural and scientific relations with one another. Mr. Perfect said that the European Economic Community was the most promising place for this to happen. More than 80 people from as far north as Dargaville and as far south as Christchurch attended the Congress."

**N.Z. SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION:** Owing to the Executive being occupied with other affairs, the President, Dr. W. Harris, was unable to organise a meeting. Overseas contact was made with Mr Alberto Barrocas, Uruguay, who sent a copy of his latest scientific publication. Received was an Esperanto version of a summary of the new book of the Institute for Biological and Chemical Research on Agricultural Plants at Wageningen, Netherlands, issued by Dr. Makink. He states in the introduction that reprints are available of articles listed which appear in English and Dutch, with an Esperanto translation if desired. Dr. Harris reported that several of these papers have proved of interest to research staff in the Agricultural Department.

**"JUNIOR DIGEST"** continued to feature Esperanto articles written mainly by Fred Fleming, Dave MacGill, Stefan MacGill, Ray Edgar and Miss Sylvia Hill. At least two schools started teaching Esperanto as a result of action by Junior Digest reader pupils with several others making use of the material and at least 50 Nixon vocabularies were sold. Unfortunately it appears that Junior Digest will have to go into recess owing to financial difficulties.

**CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:** 13 Beginners enrolled, 2 Progressive and 1 for the Teachers course.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION:** 14 candidates sat the examination. The Yvon Canty prize was awarded to Anthony Richardson for gaining the highest marks. Other successful candidates were Mrs. L. Bruce (merit), Mrs. R. Anderson, and Mrs. M. Ward, Christchurch, Mrs. R. F. May, Auckland, and Mrs. M. Morrison, Whangarei.

**BRITISH ESPERANTO EXAMINATION.** The successful candidates to gain the Diploma in 1964 were Audrey and Fred Wood.

**49th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS** was held in the Hague, Holland. Mr. W.J. Hall was the New Zealand representative. In addition to the greetings from N.Z.E.A. he carried greetings from the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. K. Holyoake; the leader of the Opposition, Mr. A.H. Nordmeyer; the Minister of education, Mr. A.E. Kinsella; the Elder Statesman, the Rt. Hon. Walter Nash and the High Commissioner in London, Sir Thomas MacDonald.

**THE PUBLICITY FILM, "La Nov-Zelandanoj"** enjoyed a successful premier at this Congress and for this our thanks were due to the Tourist & Publicity Department who through the efforts of Mr Fred Fleming, also provided plastic "tiki" souvenirs for distribution and excellent display posters for the benefit of Congress Members.

**N.Z. ROOM (ROTTERDAM).** It was pleasing to report that the £500 promised was donated well within the period of three years requested and had been forwarded to Mr J.T. Allan, Chief Delegate for U.E.A. in New Zealand for transmission to the Universal Esperanto Association in Holland. It should here be noted the tremendous effort made by Mr A.G. Wiltshire in canvassing for this donation.

**N.Z. ESPERANTIST:** During the year Mr E.J. Lawson relinquished the position of Circulation Officer to take up duties of Assistant Manager of the Book Department. Mrs Ngaire Montgomery was Appointed Circulation Officer. Mrs E. Thorpe agreed to act as Convenor of the Editorial Committee in 1965.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** at 1/- each were sold by members and through Clubs and realised £63- 8 -10 for general funds; however despite this, the Association made a loss of £51- 9 - 6 in 1964.

**ESPERANTO CLUBS AND GROUPS** were, Auckland Society, Auckland Rondo, Auckland Ladies Morning Group, Burnham Group, Christchurch Society, Clyde-Alexandra Club, Dargaville Club, Dunedin Group, Gisborne Club, Hamilton Society, Hastings Club, Hawera Club, Invercargill Club, Invercargill Southland Boys' High School Club, Kapi-Mana (Titahi Bay), Levin Group, Lower Hutt Club, Lower Hutt-Trentham Rondo, Martinborough Club, Miramar Club, Nelson Club, New Lynn Group, New Plymouth Club, Northcote Evening Group, Palmerston North Club, Papatoetoe Club, St. Albans Esperanto Group, Takapuna Club, Tauranga Club, Tauranga Rondo, Timaru Club, Trentham Club, Waiouru Club, Waiotapu Club, Wanganui Club, Wellington Club, Wellington Rondo, Wellington Teachers' College, Whangarei Club.

**NZ COLOUR CALENDARS** with Esperanto text. NZEA arranged for gummed labels in Esperanto to cover the English on the NZ Colour Calendar for members to send to their overseas correspondents.

**PUBLICITY:** In 1964 Caltex Oil Co., Wellington published a magazine type advertisement promoting the petrol produced by them. It was printed in several languages including Esperanto which had been translated by Mr. Potts.

**OBITUARY:** It was reported that the following had passed away during 1964: Mrs L.T.D. Clarkson, Mr. J.T. Allan (father of the Chief Delegate), and Mrs. B.V. Rickard.

## 1965

**30th N.Z.E.A. CONGRESS** was held in the Y.W.C.A. Christchurch from 28th December 1964 to 1st January 1965. Prof. C.J. Adcock presided. Mr. Matheson M.P. attended the Congress. Mr. Manning, Mayor of Christchurch opened the Congress. Greetings were received from Dargaville (Mr. W.H. King), Whangarei (Mrs. M. Morrison), Takapuna (Miss S. Hill), Auckland (Mrs A.G. Wood), Tauranga (Mr. R.J. Clarkson), New Plymouth (Mr. D.A. MacGill), Palmerston North (Mr. W.J. Hall), Trentham (Mr. D.A. MacGill), Lower Hutt (Mr. E.J. Lawson), Wellington & Rondo (Mr. E.R. Dearnley), Nelson (Mr. L.S. Payne), Blenheim (Mrs. M. Martin), Christchurch (Mr. H.L. Foley), St. Albans (Mr. W.J. Wyber), Burnham (Lt. F. Swift), Dunedin (Miss M. Wildey).

Mr. Bertram Potts, Honorary Life President and Mrs. Potts travelled to Christchurch to attend the Congress but Mrs. Potts had to enter hospital in Christchurch and neither could attend.

**OVERSEAS GREETINGS** were received from Esperanto Groups in Uruguay, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Holland, Hungary, France, Austria, Israel, Britain, Poland, Italy, Estonia, Czechoslovakia, Vendee France, Greece, Brazil, Switzerland, Mexico and Norway.

**PERSONAL GREETINGS** were received from Mr. C.R.S. Barrett & Mrs G.H. Denniston (Christchurch), Aili Alanko (Finland), Willy Rolmer (Germany), Rudolph Hosek (Czechoslovakia), A.F. Koba (Russia) Peeter Anso (Estonia), Johannes Palu (Russia), Oscar Larsen (Sweden), Bratislav Tresnak (Sweden), Ing. Jaromir Rebicek (Czechoslovakia), Chamaret Gustave (France), J. Hegedus (England), D. Bartosik (Czechoslovakia), Gerard Layseman (France), V.S. Ivanova (USSR), F. Lee York (USA).

This Congress had an attendance of 69 members which included 2 Juniors and 4 Part-time members and was supported by 34 absent members. This helped the Congress to make a profit of £24 8 1. However the overall loss by the Association in 1965 amounted to £146 19 5.

**HISTORY OF ESPERANTO IN NEW ZEALAND.** Mr. Wm. H. King completed writing the history up to 1963 and it was announced that he had presented this to the N.Z. Esperanto Association. This news was received with acclamation. Mr. King suggested that we explore the possibility of printing about 20 copies for security. The "History" was presented under the following conditions.

- (a) If printed the work must be printed in full without alterations.
- (b) The manuscript must rest with the N.Z. Esperanto Association.
- (c) If it remained the sole copy it must be entrusted to an organization such as The Alexander Turnbull Library.

## PROGRAMME SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CONGRESSES:

1. Specialist Meetings before the full meeting.
2. Written reports only from Clubs to be received at the Opening.
3. "La Espero" to be sung at the concert.

### Suggested Programme for the Opening:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. National Anthem                    | e Greetings           |
| b. Local President                    | f Obituaries          |
| c. Mayor (or Official Representative) | g Approval of Minutes |
| d. President of N.Z.E.A               | h Approval of Reports |

### For the Full Meeting:

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|----------------------|---|
| a. Budget            | e Recommendations from Specialists Meetings |
| b. Future Congresses | f Recommendations from the Committee        |
| c. Resolutions       | g Recommendations from the Junior Section   |
| d. General Affairs   |   |

### Membership Analysis for the past 5 years

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Supporting Members	55	53	54	46	63
Ordinary Members	237	231	202	208	217
Life Members	2	7	33	35	38
Hon. Life Members	5	5	5	5	5
Junior Members	0	6	9	8	10
	299	302	303	302	333

There were 70 New Senior Members and 3 Junior Members registered during 1965 and the Masterton Esperanto Club became affiliated to N.Z.E.A.

**A THREE-DAY COURSE** was once again held at the Polytechnic, Wellington, from 26th to 28th January 1965 for teachers.

**YEAR OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION:** Prof.C.J. Adcock and Mr. F. Fleming attended a meeting arranged by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. K. Holyoake, and among other things suggested that the Esperanto Association could arrange exchange correspondence with schools.

**50th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS, TOKYO, JAPAN:** Mrs Y.M. Canty was the official New Zealand delegate and in addition to the best wishes of the N.Z. Esperanto Association she carried personal greetings from the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. Keith Holyoake, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr A.H. Nordmeyer, the Minister of Education, Mr A.E. Kinsella, the Elder Statesman, Rt. Hon. Sir Walter Nash, and the High Commissioner in London, Sir Thomas Macdonald. An excellent publicity stand was supplied and furnished by the N.Z. Tourist and Publicity Department.

**TEACHING IN SCHOOLS:** At Dannevirke High School, a Hobbies Class, conducted by Mr. W.J. Hall during the lunch hour on Fridays attracted more than 20 keen students from mainly the top 4th and 5th forms. In one term they made good progress and are now making a start with overseas correspondence.

In the September/October of "NZE," it was reported that the Hawera Intermediate School after teaching Esperanto for 5 years sees no reason to change its programme. Mr. G.H. Tunnicliffe wrote an article in the "National Education" which said that "Much has been written about the advantages of Esperanto as a first foreign language approach for Intermediate school children as well as its desirability as an international language. Esperanto was included at the Hawera Intermediate School because it was believed to assist basic language study. It would also assist in assessing the linguistic ability of pupils who might be faced with the question of the advisability of including a foreign language in their future post primary courses. There was a considerable weight of overseas opinion, following careful research, that those who take up Esperanto, subsequently progress much better with French. We believe that Esperanto as an international language will grow in stature, and we trust that it will provide many bricks in the growing edifice of international understanding and empathy."



**N.Z. ESPERANTIST:** 1965 was not an easy year for the publication of the "NZE." Cost of production increased and the cost of postage had trebled in the last 5 years. To continue its present format, consideration must be given to the financial position of the Association.

Mrs. E. Thorpe tendered her resignation from the position of Editor to be effective from 1st January 1966.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT:** The cost of books considerably increased in 1965 and discounts offered by publishers decreased. Whereas the British Esperanto Association previously allowed 25% discount, it is now only 10%. Sales had remained the same as 1964, around £700, but because of increased costs, this represented fewer books. Lower Hutt bought books to the value of £110.

**FIAT SHOWS ENTERPRISE:** The giant Italian manufacturing concern of Fiat sent to NZEA a small stock of their excellent brochure in colour describing the city of Turin and the firm's many enterprises there. This booklet provides most interesting reading in Esperanto and most New Zealanders would be surprised to learn the full extent of the amenities provided for staff. A postcard with a coloured reproduction of one of the firm's factories is also available, with a detachable section containing a warm invitation, in Esperanto, to visit Turin and the factory.

A coloured film produced by Fiat, with Esperanto dialogue, is to be shown at the Palmerston North Congress. The photography is excellent, and the story interesting. It concerns the testing of Fiat cars, in the factory, and on the roads of various countries under the most diverse conditions.

**RAFFLE:** While the raffle would probably show a profit of about £70, this method of fund raising had proved unpopular with club members as only half of the 5000 tickets issued were sold.

**MEMBERSHIP** at the end of 1965 was: Supporting members 63; Ordinary members 217; Life members 38; Hon. Life 5; Junior 10.

**OBITUARY:** Those who passed away in 1965 as listed in the Minutes of 31st Congress are Mr. T.S. Grose, Lt. C.J. Harris, Mrs. G.H. Denniston, Mr. E. Thawley, Mr. J. Townley, Prof. E. Beaglehole, Sir Walter Broadfoot, Mr. A.N. Wilson, Miss Janet Hubbert and Mr. F.A. Bates.

## 1966

The year began with the **31st N.Z.E.A. CONGRESS** at Massey University, Palmerston North 6 - 10 January 1966. This was the first Live-in Congress and was instigated by Mr. Brian Rollason, a lecturer at the University and a member of the Palmerston North Esperanto Club. Attended the Congress 74 Full members, 8 Junior and 7 part time. Supporting members totalled 51, contributing £12 - 15 - 0 to the Congress funds. Mr. R.V. Morgan, President of the Palmerston North Esperanto Club welcomed the delegates and visitors. Prof. C.J. Adcock introduced the Mayor of Palmerston, Mr. G.M. Rennie OBE., who officially opened the Congress.

He said, "Speech is foremost in man's faculties but some differences in speech raise barriers which separate us. In former times it was not so important, but modern transport and communication has condensed the world; New Zealand is now on the doorstep of all nations. Isolation has gone. It is vital to our interests and those of our neighbours that we understand their history, geography and religion. We have advanced in many ways, but the language barrier remains. Under our present conditions, language difficulty can only be an anachronism. It is obvious that a common language for all people should be adopted but not so as to interfere with national languages handed down for centuries, to which our different cultures, arts and religions are irrevocably linked. Esperanto admirably fulfills these conditions."

In his Presidential speech, Prof. C.J. Adcock mentioned the present trend for change to a decimal system. The fast developments in calculating machinery highlighted the disadvantages in not having a decimal system and raised fears that soon the vested interests in expensive computing equipment would make the cost of future changes almost prohibitive. This also applies to language. Increasingly we need an international language, but the tendency of English speaking people has been to assert that English is being increasingly used for foreign communication. English serves their purpose, but in an even more cumbrous fashion than our antiquated monetary system now being discarded.

So many people seem to think that a language which worked excellently as a national language will serve just as well as an international language, and that if English is being learned by foreigners, the problem of international communication is solved. In fact, some of the countries which had met their foreign communication problem by teaching English have begun to have some



worries about the cost of this. A Swedish correspondent claims that it requires 2000 hours for Swedish students to learn English to a satisfactory but by no means perfect level. This is a tremendous cost in school time when the burden of new knowledge is becoming greater every year. By contrast Esperanto can be mastered to a much better degree in a fifth to a tenth of this time.

**THE DRAMA EVENING** was held in the Palmerston North Little Theatre where 5 Plays were presented. "Mia Bela Sinjorino" arranged by Mr. W.J. Hall was presented by the Palmerston North Club; the Lower Hutt Club offered "Praktikanta Trompodon"; Marjorie Bolton's "Nia Sango" was performed by the Auckland Esperanto Society; the Wanganui Esperanto Club gave "Ni Tiel Ĝin Faros" written by Mrs J. Wilson; Members of the Youth Section EJANZ, arranged something like a University Revue entitled "Epokoj de Homaro". The Drama Shield was awarded to the Wanganui Esperanto Club.

**THE CONCERT PROGRAMME** included Community Singing, Garth & Murray Wood presented a piano duet and with their mother, Mrs. A.G. Wood presented a trio. A sketch "Mi estas nur Stulta Lito" by the MacGill Circus. Mrs. Irene Lock presented Auld's Poem "Ebrio" and also in a scene from "Othello" she took the parts of both Desdemona and her maid. Mr. Bertram Potts presented "Albert, the Hippopotamus" and "The Vagabond". An instrumental trio was presented by Anthony and Alistair Richardson and David Wimms. A sketch "En Restoracio" was presented by Mrs. L. Bruce and Miss E. McGifford of Christchurch. A short talk on the peculiarities of the Maori language by Mr. Tocker, and Mrs. Morrison presented Maori Songs. Miss Sylvia Hill recited several Esperanto poems.

Outside the official programme, slide presentations of overseas travel were presented by Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mr. Norman Lock and Mr. Dave MacGill.

Many expressions of appreciation of this Congress were received, and the following letter from Mr. Tom Archer sums up that sentiment.

"Dear Editor (NZE), Would you please ask the entire Palmerston North Committee to step forward to receive a hearty vote of thanks for one of the best and most successful Congress so far. Memories of the comfort of being able to live, eat and sleep-in on the Congress site will linger with all who attended for all time. By past experiences we know of the work they had to do, the taxi work by the good brothers Hall and Morgan, the kitchen work by the unknowns and the massive task of secretary Rollason. I must be voicing the thoughts of many when I say, in the interests of Esperanto, let us scheme out a way to use Massey University again and again."

**RADIO NEW ZEALAND** (shortwave) for some considerable time had been sending out a monthly 10 minute Esperanto programme translated and read by Mr. Bertram Potts. However, because of lack of response by overseas listeners, the NZBC reluctantly decided to abandon the programme. It was a gallant try but was defeated by listener apathy.

**THE TOURIST & PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT** published a brochure describing Auckland and Surroundings entitled "Gateway to New Zealand" with an esperanto translation, and was available on request for sending overseas.

**VISITORS:** In March Mrs. A.B. Duncan, President of the Manly Esperanto Club (Sydney) met esperantists in Wellington while her ship "Ellinis" stayed there en route to Europe. She also found time to speak to 400 or so children who were learning Esperanto at the Evans Bay School.

Miss Helen Prent, London, spent over 3 months in New Zealand visiting Auckland, Hamilton, Wairoa, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Wellington. In three cities she received Newspaper interviews. Helen's parents are leaders of the SAT. Movement (Sennacieca Asocio Tutmonda.)

Dr. Jamie Scolnik, Cordoba, Argentine. He gave talks to Clubs and Societies and visited numerous homes including that of Prof. C.J. Adcock. Wellington. In Auckland he was the guest of Mr. Arthur Wiltshire who took Mr. Scolnik on sightseeing tours and visits to local esperantists and organised interviews with the press and radio.

**51st CONGRESS OF UEA:** This was held in Budapest, Hungary. Miss Agnes Bray of Hastings was the Official Delegate for NZEA. Besides greetings from NZEA she also conveyed greetings from the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Mr. Keith Holyoake, The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Norman Kirk, The Minister of Education, Mr. A.E. Kinsella, The Elder Statesman, Sir Walter Nash and The High Commissioner in London, Sir Thomas Macdonald. Advance copies of the Tourist & Publicity Department's Stamp Poster and Brochure, translated into Esperanto, were despatched for display.

**MARRIAGE OF A PIONEER.** A well known worker and old identity in the Esperanto Movement, Mr. William Hudson King FNZEA, was married on August 17th 1966 to Mrs. Margaret Morrison, also an Esperantist, well known for her work in Whangarei. They were making their home in Whangarei.

**UNITED NATIONS' PETITION:** On 6th October in New York, the Secretary-General of the United Nations accepted the Petition which sought the UN to encourage its members to make use of Esperanto as a medium of International Communication. The petition carried signatures representing 71,000,000 people from 74 countries, including New Zealand where 39 members of Parliament, representing both sides of the House, gave their support. The UN Proposal was presented to the Prime Minister of NZ, Mr. (Later Sir) Keith Holyoake, together with copies of all documents (except signatures) by Prof. C.J. Adcock, President of NZEA, and Mr. J.T. Allan, Chief Delegate of UEA in New Zealand.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Norman Kirk, also received a copy. When Mr. Kirk agreed to sign the Petition, he wrote to NZEA. "I think the objectives of your Association are most laudable and can be a practical means of promoting co-operation among peoples of the world. I wish you every success in your endeavours." Mr. Kirk later became Prime Minister.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION:** The Examiner, Mrs. Y.M. Canty reported that there were 20 successful candidates during the year. Mrs. Doris Hayward, Naenae, Lower Hutt, was awarded the Yvon Canty prize for the highest marks gained by those First year students sitting the paper during 1966.

**NZ ESPERANTIST:** The General Secretary, Mrs. Mary Richardson reported: "In my last report I stated that 1965 had not proved an easy year for the publication of the magazine. If that were not easy, then 1966 has been impossible. Our hopes for the appointment of an editor were doomed to disappointment for various reasons, although the services of a very able member will probably become available later in 1967 if the fort can be held for the intervening period.

Meanwhile our gratitude is again due to Mr. Fred Fleming for his very willing help in providing material and bestowing sound advice. Never in my wildest dreams have I seen myself in the roles of script writer, typist, proof reader, cutting-and-pasting-upper, but these duties have fallen to the lot of David MacGill and myself for the last year in order to maintain the continuity of publication.

I make no complaint for I have found it fun, but David would welcome a more practised assistant, in fact, we would both welcome a permanent editor and staff, and we could again revert to the roles assistant-to-the-assistant and assistant to the assistant's assistant!"

**JUNIOR SECTION (EJANZ):** Foundation Year. During the year, EJANZ progressed so much that the Youth Section was the most rapidly growing part of the Esperanto Movement in New Zealand. The membership grew from 13 to 29 out of which 6 were Supporting Members, and since the end of the financial year several others joined. Hopefully the membership will grow further in the future. Five editions of the magazine "NZ Junularo" were published during the year. The magazine was mostly in esperanto including poems and short stories.

Although the group was still too small to securely function financially, they ended the financial year with a balance of £6 12 9, and were hoping that the Congress would give further financial help. It would be necessary to increase subscriptions for the next year to 13 years 3/-; 13 - 18 years 5/-; 18 - 25 years 10/-. They thanked the Esperanto Movement for their generous support in their foundation year.

**OBITUARIES:** Esperantists who passed away in 1966: Mr. Bernard Evan Plank, Mr. Walter Thomas May, Mr. Erwin Gerhard Bernfeld, Mrs. Roma Hirschfeld, Mr. David A. Ward, Mr. Mateo Jack Ravelich, who attended the first meeting of the present NZEA January 26, 1929. Mr. J. Stancliffe, Mr. Lewis Edmund Dust, (Hon. Life Member) who is listed in the first membership list 1910 or 1911, and is listed 43 times in the History of Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963, and Mr. James Townley.

## 1967

**THE NZEA CONGRESS** again started the year's activities. The venue, Aquinas Hall, University of Otago, Dunedin, 3 - 7 January. This was the 32nd Congress and we had live-in facilities. Mr. H.J. Cummings, President of the Dunedin Club welcomed the members and introduced Prof. C.J. Adcock the President of the Congress. Miss Vera Hayward, OBE officially opened the Congress. In his presidential address Prof. Adcock said that 1967 was "The Year of the Petition"

Overseas visitors to the Congress were Mr. C.C. Goldsmith (England), Mr Fritz Mueller-Sorau (Australia), and Mr. & Mrs. Lock, (Bristol, England). Mr. Lock was completing a teaching appointment in Wairoa. Attendance at the Congress was 66 adult and 6 Junior members.

**SPONSORSHIP:** It was reported that the Blenheim Esperanto Group proposed that a Fund be established to pay in part or totally, the cost of a young person to attend a National Congress overseas. Mrs. K. Sutton would personally guarantee the payment of £50 yearly by the Blenheim Group during her lifetime. It was suggested that the different regions might be willing to be responsible for raising money for this project.

The sub-committee suggested that the candidate be between 17 and 22 years. That we plan to send this person to the Australian Congress in Manly. If successful we plan something more ambitious. On the return, the person selected would be sent around to Clubs in New Zealand to talk about their experience.

Later in the year, some Clubs sent in donations in support of this Fund.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Mrs. M. Richardson had indicated that she would not be seeking reelection as General Secretary. The Association thanked Mrs. Richardson for the work she had done in the past 6 years in that Office. The officers elected were:-

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock	Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mrs. P.A. Bell	Help Secretary	Mr. D.A. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson	Information Officer	Mrs. L.S. Bruce
Education Officer	Mr. D.A. MacGill	Despatch "NZE"	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Auditors	Mr. I. Burt (Wellington), Messrs. L. & N. Harris (Auckland)		
Executive	Mrs. E. Thorpe and Mr. G.H. Wilson		
Permanent Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood		

**INCORPORATION:** During the year The NZ Esperanto Association became an Incorporated Society.

**NZ ESPERANTIST:** Since Mr. Bertram Potts resigned as Editor, this magazine has been compiled by an Editorial Committee and the Annual Report of one of the committee members deserves a place in posterity.

**Annual Report of a non-existent Editorial Committee, (by Mary Richardson.)**

"The history of the national magazine in these years of 1965, 1966 and 1967 will make interesting reading to future Esperantists should any chronicler choose to set down this tale of blood, sweat and tears. Since I myself have been called on rarely for help during this last year, I have undertaken the responsibility of writing a report for 1967.

To David and Stefan MacGill must go the full credit that the members have received a regular issue of the "NZE". No-one, certainly not those editing, composing, cutting, pasting, etc., would claim perfection and what could be achieved with sufficient time, labour and money is appreciated most by the people who are most closely concerned.

However, I feel it is time that the present position was made known to Congress. The Editorial Committee as initiated in 1964 is not in existence, and truly has not ever been. During 1965 we had the much appreciated help of Mr. & Mrs. F. Thorpe, and during 1967 Stefan MacGill has taken over much of the responsibility with Anthony Richardson joining the team in time for the latest issue.

Our gratitude to Mrs. Y.M. Canty and Mr. J. Stinchcombe, who have also been drawn into the fray, is heartfelt for it is envisaged that the magazine will be used more and more by 'up and coming' writers, and the services of mature, experienced Esperantists in the way of editing, fill an important requirement.

The frustrations, hurdles and limitations which have to be overcome are met philosophically, and various incidents are not without their touches of humour, which are usually sufficient reward for those participating.

The young people, who characteristically are prone to get the bit between their teeth, are nevertheless fired with an enthusiasm which is heart warming and encouraging - and if they do not always listen to David and myself, (described with filial respect by these same offspring as 'doddering old fossils') they are prepared, I am sure, to accept the advice of members who have a sincere and practical interest in this work. During the year they have been faced by seeming apathy, a too common and not easily surmounted obstacle these days, and members are invited to send a deluge of articles, criticisms, reports etc. - it would make a welcome change.

The new format for the magazine is still in experimental stages, and here again constructive ideas are invited from readers. It is your magazine - let us know what you want to read in it!"

**BOOK DEPARTMENT:** Mr. E.J. Lawson resigned from the position of Assistant Manager



because of pressure of personal work. Mrs. Larsen thanked him for his enthusiastic and dedicated approach to selling the books in the areas he covered.

**EDUCATIONAL:** During the year a circular was sent out to schools which were teaching, have taught or were thought might be teaching Esperanto. From 120 enquiries sent out, 21 replies came back. From those returned, the following figures were compiled. During the year, Esperanto was taught in 12 schools to 800 children of whom 421 were girls. The schools included one Teachers' College, two Colleges with active clubs, and one college in which Esperanto is an integral part of the curriculum. The remainder were Primary and Intermediate Schools. Instruction was given by at least 12 professional teachers plus two non-professional.

Mr. Tunnicliffe, headmaster of Hawera Intermediate School, where Esperanto has been taught for the last 7 years, said in reply to the circular, "I am still firm in my views concerning the value of Esperanto, although the expansion of our curricula in the areas of science, mathematics and French which is being pressed by the Education Department, makes a stern effort needed to keep Esperanto from falling by the wayside. Officially approved examinations would certainly greatly help all schools wishing to work in this subject.

One of the Wellington schools, Evans Bay Intermediate, could well become our showcase. At the break-up concert, the Esperanto classes presented songs, sketches and responses to questions in a slide-tape presentation which would have done credit to adults in any of our clubs. In no other language could classes have shown such proficiency.

**THE NZEA CORRESPONDENCE COURSES** are now guided by two tutors, Mrs. Y.M. Canty in Auckland and Mr. C.H. Brown in Christchurch, with the Education Officer, Mr. D. MacGill continuing with those pupils who started with him. During the year, 10 Elementary and 2 Progressive Courses were issued to new pupils. The NZEA Preparatory Examination attracted 44 candidates but no results are available.

**THE REGIONAL MEETING** organised by the Auckland Esperanto Society was held on the 2nd & 3rd September 1967 when 77 esperantists attended a very successful weekend. An overseas guest was Mr. C. Flint, England, and other visitors were from Tauranga, Hamilton, Whangarei and Dargaville. The items were too numerous to mention, but outstanding items were Extracts from Esperanto Books: Julio Baghy's "La Homo Homa" - Dr. J. Hamvai; "La Grundo kiu Subtenas Nin" - Mr. W.F. Rolt; "The Books from Dansk Esperanto-Forlag" - Mrs C.M. Larsen; "Interesting Points about the Modern Japanese Language and its Origination" - Mr. W. McLintock; "Humour from Scotland" - Mr. R.J. Clarkson; "Maori Artifacts" - Mr. J. Oldfield.

Mr. E. Flint gave information about the Universal Congress in Paris 1914 while others gave impressions of the Congresses in Tokyo, Budapest, Mainz, Warsaw and Haarlem. A debate "That City Life is better than Country Life" caused much amusement.

The meeting was reported in the local newspapers and the Television Station AKTV2 broadcast a reasonably long item in the "News on Saturday", 2nd September.

**USED STAMP COLLECTION:** It was reported in "Revuo Esperanto" by the organiser, Mr. Peter Zacho, Denmark, that for 1967 "First prize as usual goes to the N.Z. Esperantists who, through Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mrs Y.M. Canty sent 154,000 stamps. Money from the sale of these goes to the Universal Esperanto Association.

**NZ PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** Miss J. McGregor gained the highest marks and the Yvon Canty prize. Other successful candidates were Mrs. E. Allen, Mrs. G. Bussell, Miss S. Clarke, Miss J. Fairhurst, Mrs. S. Gemmell, Mrs. J. Hardy (merit), Mrs. E. Kennedy, Mrs. A. Reid, all of Dunedin. Mr. R. Harding (merit), Mrs. B. Hickey, Mrs. P. McMillin and Mr. P.R. Sheenan of Napier. Mrs. J. Henderson, Mosgiel; Mrs. J. Lindsay (merit), Mr. P. Richards (merit), Mr. J. Stinchcombe, and Mr. B.J. Wilkins, Auckland. Mrs. M.M. McAviney, Palmerston North; Mr. D.B. Pease, and Mrs. J. Rodgers (merit), Whangarei; Miss I. Watts, Christchurch.

**OBITUARIES:** On 5th January 1967, Mr. Harry E. Facer, Herald Island, Auckland passed away. He learned Esperanto in England. In 1933 Mr. Facer was NZEA Vice President and in 1934 helped to found The Palmerston North Esperanto Club where for many years he was the Club President and teacher. He was the UEA Delegate there, and later in Herald Island where he lived after retirement. As a printer, he had helped in the printing of the NZ Esperantist.

Mr. Charles Ricardo Stephen Barrett 1871 - 1967 died on 9th February in Christchurch. He worked for the Esperanto Movement since 1906 until age no longer permitted. He helped to found the Southland Esperanto Club in Invercargill on June 1st 1906. He was at that time a bank officer. He was listed as a member of NZEA in 1908 and remained a member until his death. He

served as a UEA Delegate in 1909 and remained so until about 1956. Few are able to match the faithful service rendered by this loyal esperantist.

## 1968

**CONGRESS:** The 33rd Congress was held in the Whangarei Girls High School 8 - 12 January. Mr. W.H. King, the President of the local club welcomed the members.

Prof. C.J. Adcock, President of the Congress introduced Mr. J.F. Johnson, the Mayor of Whangarei, who spoke of the history of the district and invited members to enjoy some sightseeing in the area while in Whangarei. He expressed the opinion that Esperanto would be a great help to world understanding, including during the meetings of the United Nations.

In his presidential address, Prof. Adcock spoke of the necessity in International Meetings to be understood without the need of translations.

**OVERSEAS GREETINGS** were received from Mr. H.W. Holmes, OBE, and the many postcards and letters received were on display. Tape messages were received from the Bristol Esperanto Club and from Mr. & Mrs. Lock also from Bristol, England.

78 members attended the Congress which included 9 juniors and 1 overseas visitor (name not recorded). In addition there were 7 non-attending members and 31 supporting.

The profit was \$152.30. The first occasion it was given in dollars.

**SCHOOL CLASSES:** As a result of the publicity gained from 33rd Congress, the headmasters of two schools in the area helped to arrange classes in the respective schools. Mr. E.W. Cornes taught a class of 28 girls and boys in the Whangarei High School, and Mr. Wm. H. King taught 18 students in the Whangarei District High School for boys.

**WHANGAREI:** On 20th May 1968, the Whangarei Club convened a special meeting with a dual objective: to farewell Mr. & Mrs. John & Gladys Oldfield who were going to live in Mairangi Bay, Auckland, and also to celebrate the completion of 50 years in the Esperanto Movement of Mr. Wm.H. King FNZEA, the Club President. 44 Esperantists attended, which included visitors from Auckland, Warkworth, Dargaville. After a short speech outlining the service rendered by Mr. King which included most Club and National Offices, Mr. Arthur Wiltshire pinned the Veteran's "Star" on Mr. King's jacket. Mrs. Joyce Goodwin, Dargaville expressed congratulations and presented a paua shell box on behalf of the members in Dargaville.

In farewelling Mr. & Mrs. Oldfield, Mr. King thanked them for their loyalty and support in all the club's activities, and congratulated them on their competence in the language Esperanto. With great pleasure he awarded them Life Membership of the Whangarei Club. Mr. Arthur Steventon, then living in Warkworth had the same honour bestowed on him for his valuable work in the early years of the Club.

The following day, Mr. & Mrs. Oldfield gave a talk about Esperanto to about 20 members of the Women's Institute at Maungatapere, Whangarei, and on 23rd July spoke to the Whangarei Women's League. The Club also arranged an Exhibition at the A. & P. Hall 25 - 29 June and distributed information.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT:** Mrs. C.M. Larsen reported that she had received 150 books from the collection of Mr. L.E. Dust, and she suggested that a committee be formed to decide how to administer the books. The committee elected was Mrs. C. Larsen, Mrs. M. Richardson and Mr. B. Potts. The committee later reported that before making a recommendation, it wanted to be sure that if the books were deposited in the Turnbull Library (a) they would always remain the property of NZEA and (b) if it was our wish, we would be able to take the books out of that library after an official request by NZEA.

Mr. Potts explained that he has a file of the "Gego" (George Gordon) collection now in the care of the Turnbull Library, and that in the archives of NZEA is a letter from Turnbull Library which assures that the collection will always remain the property of NZEA.

The sales for 1968 of \$1951.21 was a considerable increase over the past year. Small collections of books were held by Mrs. L.S. Bruce, Christchurch, and Mr. A. Richardson, Upper Hutt. This helped to relieve the work load of Mrs. C. Larsen and helped reduce the cost of postage to those areas.

**COURSE FOR TEACHERS.** The annual intensive course for teachers was reintroduced in January 1968 and advertised in the "Education Gazette" and in both official journals of teachers' organisations. Circulars were sent to all schools in the Wellington area. There were 12 enrolments. Mr. Bertram Potts was tutor, using "The Esperanto Teacher" (Mason Stuttart) as

course text book. The secretary arranged for a display of textbooks and other esperanto material, and organised two evening sessions during which teaching aids and teaching methods were demonstrated.

Results were particularly pleasing. All teachers appeared to enjoy the experience; two subsequently introduced the subject in the Monrad Intermediate, Palmerston North, on an equal footing with French, for four classes. One teacher produced this year's examination prize winners through his work at Awahou South country school, and one teacher was able to add two additional classes to those taking the subject at Evans Bay Intermediate, Wellington. The above is an extract from a six-page report of the NZ Teachers' Esperanto Association presented at the 34th Congress in Blenheim. The author is not indicated.

**SCHOOL EXAMINATION** where esperanto is taught. 26 children completed the papers and the two who gained the prizes attended the Awahou South School. Joanne Leamy and Elizabeth Staples each received 82%. This entitled each to attend the forthcoming NZEA Congress in Blenheim with all expenses paid. Certificates were awarded to 13 others. If funds were available, it was planned to repeat the examination.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** Successful candidates were Miss A. McLeod (merit), Miss I. Garry (merit); Rev. R.T. Taylor, Miss R. Anderson, Mrs. D. Newman, Mr. E.W. Hall, all from Dunedin; Mrs. M. Gibson, Mrs. M.H. Bird, Mrs. V. Hambling and Mrs. W.K. Ogden all from Auckland.

**PIONEERS OF ESPERANTO:** Miss Eileen Espineer wrote a series of articles for "NZE" on the pioneers of Esperanto, and she commenced with Dr. Zamenhof and his family.

**THE ESPERANTO CLUBS OF DUNEDIN & WAKARI**, in February, carried out a most effective campaign for Esperanto in the framework of the annual Dunedin Festival Week Celebrations. "The main purpose of our contribution", Mrs. E. Allen, President of the Wakari Club, told a 4ZB Reporter, "was to make the general public aware of what esperanto is. Now they know that Esperanto is the International Language which could solve worldwide international communication."

Previously, a Painting Competition with the theme of "Friendship through Esperanto" had been arranged, and during the week entries had been displayed and judged.

The Dunedin Club members arranged a large advertisement on both sides of a local trolley bus and a conspicuous notice in a large shop.

On Festival Night 45 floats passed through the crowded streets including that for Esperanto and 300 balloons were distributed with the words "Esperanto Lingvo Internacia." A great deal of personal effort and expense was incurred by some local members. Publicity from the display amounted to a 6 inch by 5 inch photograph and two News Page reports in the "Dunedin Star" and a 3 minute 4ZB interview.

**NEW HOBBY FOR DUNEDIN SCHOOLS.** Mrs. W. Newall of Wakari School, with help and encouragement from Mrs. Greta Bussell, was taking 14 children of Stds. 3 & 4, once a week. Mr. Paul Wheeler also taught a class on a Friday. Some of these children were showing good progress. At the Maori Hill School, 16 girls and boys spent one hour each Monday, during March and April, with Mrs. Enid Allen. This term, one of the teachers, Mr. Hepari, was taking this class and including some of his own class. This class, during April, received encouraging letters from children in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland.

Mr. F. Reed, Headmaster of Portobello School, started Esperanto with his Form 2 pupils during April. Mr. Reed became interested when asked by the Dunedin Club to send some of his pupils' paintings to include with others from Dunedin to send to a Children's International Display in Zdar Nad Sazavon in Czechoslovakia.

Sister Ambrose of St. Philomena's College, became interested for the same reason and sent some interested pupils to the Dunedin Club nights on the first and third Fridays of the month.

The Beginners Class, between 7pm - 8pm on club nights brought its numbers up to 20 - not members yet, but the hope was that they would join up with EJANZ.

**THE YWCA** Saturday morning activities included Esperanto for interested children and this class commenced 8th June, under the instruction of Miss Wildey and Mrs. Aldridge, Dunedin.

**HAWKES BAY:** A Two-day Extensive Course was arranged in both Napier and Hastings. An invitation was given to Mr. Bertram Potts and Mr. David MacGill of Wellington to conduct the Course. As groups were in both towns, it was necessary to arrange transport for the teachers to attend in both localities. The sessions continued morning, afternoon and evening for the two days.



The Course concluded when a selection of the "Five Minutes Plays" written by Mr. Potts were distributed, and two people at a time performed one of the plays. This gave practice in reading, speaking and listening and increased confidence in public appearance.

**THE HAWKES BAY BRANCH OF THE UNITED NATIONS** proposed at the National Conference that they recommend to the Government the teaching of Esperanto in schools. The NZ United Nations Association unanimously accepted the resolution.

**AUCKLAND.** Through the efforts of Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mrs. C. Larsen, a meeting of esperantists was held in Auckland on 8th February 1968 which was the inauguration of the society which was eventually called "The International Language Society." 36 attended the meeting which was to give esperantists the opportunity to use and promote the language. Dr. J. Hamvai spoke of methods to hold beginners to the movement, and Mr. S.R. Perfect spoke of the role of an Esperanto Club. He emphasized the need that a Club become a bridge over the gulf between the esperantists and the outside world. The officers elected were:

President, Mrs. M.M. Aagaard (Rita) ; Secretary, Mrs. C.M. Larsen;

Treasurer, Mr. M.M. Mennell.

Programme Committee, Miss E.V. Espiner and Miss E.E. Stephens.

It was decided to meet on 1st Thursday of each month.

**REGIONAL WEEKEND.** On 14th & 15th September 1968 the Auckland Club hosted esperantists for a weekend of Esperanto. The President, Mrs. Aagaard was pleased to welcome visitors from Christchurch, Wanganui, Hamilton, Whangarei and from the U.S.A. The programme included speeches, group discussions, lectures and a debate between Whangarei and Auckland.

On Saturday night, esperantists were entertained with a variety of items which included music, singing, a Mannequin Parade, and a demonstration of exercises to keep fit. These were named as contributing to the programme. Mrs. W.H. King, Whangarei; Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Rolt, Hamilton; Mrs. L. Bruce and Mr. C.H. Brown, Christchurch; Mrs. J. Wilson, Wanganui; Dr. John Hamvai and Mr. F. Wood, Auckland.

**ZAMENHOF EVENING.** Mr. Shoneske Issobe and Prof. Shoichi Hori visited the Auckland Club on the occasion of Zamenhof Evening, 12th December 1968. Mr. Issobe spoke on computer language translators and Prof. Hori showed slides of typical Japanese trees and flowers. This was followed by an address by Mr. Bob Perfect.

**EJANZ. - Esperanta Junulara Asocio de Nov-Zelando.** The young people had been very active in 1968, and membership had increased from 32 in 1967 to 64 in 1968. Through donations etc they had a healthy bank balance of \$238.00.

After a 3-day course for teachers there was some progress in schools. An Esperanto Group was formed in the Christchurch Teachers College, and Ejanz members visited them and provided teaching aids and offered guidance to a number of classes.

The young people in Christchurch arranged a number of picnics, and on one excursion made a coloured movie film which gave enthusiasm to those taking part. As a result of the activities of EJANZ, they received a two-page article in "Women's Weekly" and two Television interviews.

A young person in Te Awamutu wrote several times to the Newspaper and because of this publicity, a new club was formed.

Officers for the year were:-

President Miss Irene Watts TEJO Representative Anthony Richardson

Vice President Michael Tucker Officer for Kontakto Roger Blackley

Sec/Treas. Donald Bruce Officer for Publicity Stephen Brewster

Editor "Junularo" Stefan MacGill

**PUBLICATIONS:** 1000 copies of the EJANZ publication "Al La Savo" were printed. Approximately 450 were sold, 100 were donated to EJANZ in return for time and labour expended in production, and 100 were distributed to schools etc. by the NZ Teachers Association. During the year our first Esperanto Record was produced. Orders were taken at the 33rd Congress.

**IN ST. ALBANS,** Christchurch, eight girls at Standard 4 to Form 2 level met weekly at the St Albans School. The tutor was Mr. S. MacGill aided by Mr. D. Bruce and Miss I. Watts with Mrs. K. Anderson of the Christchurch Society.

**CHRISTCHURCH TEACHERS' COLLEGE.** In March a two-day Display was held in the Common Room to arouse interest for a four hour Course. On 11th May, 20 student teachers assembled, and a set of pronunciation slides developed by Mr. D. MacGill was used to introduce the Course. A solid group completed the Course, establishing a core of esperantists for next terms activities.

**A BREAK THROUGH FOR THE SCOUTS.** Thanks to the vision of Tom Parrinder, O.B.E. organising Commissioner for the Essex International Jamboree 27th July to 3rd August, scouting has laid an axe at the root of its language. Despite a recommendation that scouts should learn Esperanto in the original edition of "Scouting for Boys" by Lord Baden Powell, in 1934 the Scout World Committee passed the following resolution, "The Committee does not approve the study of Esperanto by Scouts, as it has no practical value." The Scout Esperanto League continued to work for the use of the neutral language, Esperanto, and 20 years later, the World Committee revoked its Resolution. Commissioner Tom Parrinder asked that all Scouts be encouraged to work for the Interpreters Badge in Esperanto. He recommended that Esperanto should be widely used at the Essex International Jamboree. New Zealand scouts have been taught Esperanto before going to an International Jamboree.

**SCOUTS IN NEW ZEALAND.** Mr. Dennis Pease taught Esperanto to scouts in Whangarei and Kamo. One of his scouts, Stephen Crossley, was congratulated for gaining the Interpreters Badge for Languages - Esperanto.

**MASTERTON, 12th MAY 1968.** With 12 new members and over 30 previous members, Masterton claimed to be one of the most successful clubs in the country. Established only 4 years ago, in a town of 17,000 people, the Club boasted its own Bulletin, and organised its Esperanto "Rondoj."

The Club invited Miss Agnes Bray to address a public meeting about her travels through Eastern Europe, India and Indonesia. She told the meeting, "You may know Bulgarian or learn it. You can learn Spanish, Icelandic, Czech or Hebrew, but you cannot learn all languages. Do not believe that English will do. The only language that will take you from country to country, finding your friends, giving you a welcome at the family table, meeting you at airports, seeing you off on country buses etc. The only language that will do this for you is Esperanto." The local paper printed a photograph on the front cover and devoted an entire page to Miss Bray's account.

**NZ ESPERANTIST:** The editorship of the magazine mainly fell on the shoulders of Mrs. M. Richardson who carried on despite a multitude of other tasks. When the new format was decided on some 3 years previously, the cost was approximately \$1.20 per page, but had risen to \$3.00 in a very short time. A permanent editor was still being sought.

**VISITORS:** Mrs. Irene Fink, Australia visited Wellington and was interviewed by the "Evening Post", and Miss Hisane Ikeda, Japan, was a member of the 10th Youth Goodwill Mission sent to countries around the Western Pacific. The tight schedule made meetings difficult, but a few brief ones were arranged. Although Miss Ikeda had been learning Esperanto for only 6 months against English for 7 years, it was found that her Esperanto was more fluent than her English. The dates of these visits were not recorded.

**CLUBS WHO AFFILIATED TO NZEA IN 1968** were Auckland, Christchurch, Christchurch Teachers' College, Dargaville, Dunedin, Hawkes Bay, Lower Hutt, Masterton, Miramar, New Lynn, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, St. Albans, Takapuna, The International Language Society, Trentham, Wakari, Wellington, and Wanganui.

**OBITUARY:** Miss Lizzie Crampton, Christchurch, passed away on 2nd August 1968. She was taught Esperanto in the 1930's and was a loyal member of the Christchurch Esperanto Club. She took a Correspondence Course under Mr. W.L. Edmanson FBEA, and gained the diploma DBEA. She prepared books in braille for the blind.

## 1969

**CONGRESS:** The 34th Congress of NZEA was held in Innes House, Marlborough College, Blenheim, 2 - 6 January 1969. After singing "La Espero" Mrs. K. Sutton welcomed the members. Prof. C.J. Adcock, President of the Congress introduced the Mayor of Blenheim, Mr. S. Harling who spoke about the sights in Blenheim and wished the Congress every success.

Prof. Adcock introduced the overseas visitors: Mr. S. Issobe, Mrs. Joko Issobe and their two daughters aged 8 and 4. Eight year old Majo Issobe greeted the Congress in the name of the Japanese Youth, Prof. S. Hori (Japan), was travelling throughout New Zealand studying plants. Mrs. Callaghan (Brisbane) who read Greetings from Mr. Tiny Goldsmith, Mr. H. Koppel (Melbourne).



Prof. Adcock spoke about the Year of Human Rights which also means language equality which can only be achieved by a neutral language.

The following delegates introduced themselves: Mrs. A. Wood (Auckland), Mrs. L. Bruce (Christchurch), Miss I. Watts (Christchurch), Mrs. Rolt (Hamilton), Mr. R. Harding (Hawkes Bay), Miss E.E. Stephens (International Language Society), Mr. B. Potts (Lower Hutt), Mrs. J. Porter (New Lynn), Mr. R. Morgan (Palmerston North), Mr. S. MacGill (St. Albans), Mrs. M. Richardson (Trentham), Mrs. J. Wilson (Wanganui), Mr. R. Dearnley (Wellington), Mr. W. King (Whangarei).

**THE BLENHEIM LIBRARY** arranged an Esperanto Display before and during the Congress. In appreciation of this, it was decided to donate a copy of "Zamenhof the Creator of Esperanto" by Marjorie Boulton for continued information to the public.

Congress attendance was 68 Senior members, 18 Junior, plus 3 Supporting absent members.

**THE NZ ASSOCIATION OF ESPERANTO TEACHERS** was founded and the following officers elected: President, Miss E.E. Stephens; Sec/Treas. Mr. F. Fleming; Committee, Miss M. Wildey, Mr. W.H. King, Mr. W. Hall, Miss E. McGifford, Mr. D. MacGill, Prof. C.J. Adcock.

Unfortunately Mr. Fred Fleming was suddenly taken seriously ill and this was a serious blow to NZAET, because Mr. Fleming did a great deal of the work. The Intensive Courses which Mr. Fleming started to organise, were still to be held in January 1970.

Mrs. P. Bell advised that she was not available for re-election, and Mrs. M. Richardson was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Bell was elected to the Executive.

**UNIVERSAL CONGRESS:** Mr. Dennis Pease of Whangarei was appointed the official delegate of NZEA at the 54th Universal Congress in Helsinki.

**SCHOOL EXAMINATION COMPETITION:** More than 60 pupils sat the examination, and the winner was Debra King. Unfortunately the second winner (name not recorded) was unable to attend the Congress. Eva Andrew attended in her place.

**NZ PREPARATORY EXAMINATION:** 18 were successful in 1969 and Mr. E.S. Heys, Auckland, was awarded the Yvon Canty prize. Other successful candidates were Mrs. J. Lea, Mrs. M. Hobbs, Mr. L.W.C. King, Auckland; Mrs. J. Hartley (merit), Mr. B. Bennett and Mrs. M. Bennett and Mrs. J. Waterworth, Napier; Mrs. D.E. Bruce, Wanganui; Rev. W.D. Harding, Christchurch; Mr. S. Crossley, Mrs. L. Green, Mr. A.V. Rogers, and Mr. J.E. Coy, Whangarei; Mrs. J. Fraser, Titoki; Mrs. P. Kniper, Taradale; Mr. R. Blackley, Pahiatua; Mr. N. Hall, Te Awamutu.

**PUBLICATIONS:** "El la Polvo de la Tero" by Mr. W.F. Rolt, Hamilton was published during the year. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Rolt for contributing such a worthwhile work to the literature available in esperanto.

**EJANZ.** Report of the Youth Representative on the Executive, Mr. Tony Richardson, makes the following observations:-

The 4th Youth Congress at Blenheim achieved a working balance between adult and youth oriented programmes. Generally co-operation was good, although some criticism was expressed by both adults and young people of the way in which the 10.30pm curfew was imposed. The "Open Day" extended into an "Open Week" and received some response from the public. Radio coverage was certainly adequate with young people featuring largely in interviews. Membership was 53 and 32 Supporting members, a total of 85. The cash balance was \$292.15.

**PUBLICATIONS BY EJANZ:** "Al la Savo" sold 900 copies within a year of publication. Mr. Markarian in England offered EJANZ the tape rights on his book "Secondary School Esperanto" in exchange for similar rights on "Al La Savo". "Niaj Roluloj" did not prove to be as popular. "Domo kun Oraj Fenestroj" proved to be a best seller with several runs being done, and 50 copies being sold in Australia.

A new Reader was planned to be ready for the 35th Congress containing 3 short stories by the talented inventor of Zak-Briar Fraser. The booklet to be called "Tero, Akvo kaj Aero". Selling price under 10 cents. Local activity was more or less confined to Christchurch where several hikes were organised. At Masterton and Pahiatua college clubs were organised by EJANZ members and first steps were taken to set up an organised group in Auckland.

**CAMP AT AWAHOU.** EJANZ decided to hold its first Youth Camp and Leadership Training Course at Awakou immediately before the 35th Congress. Planned were 4 days of discussions, teaching and general activity in preparation for 35th Congress.

**NZ ESPERANTIST:** After some years of this magazine being published under the banner of an Editorial Committee which meant by the efforts of one or two people, as from the January issue 1969, Mr. Tony Richardson became the official editor.

**UPPER HUTT:** After more than 3 years without a Club in the upper part of the Hutt Valley, a new Club was established under the tuition of Mr. D. MacGill and Tony Richardson. The Club consisted almost entirely of young people, for many of whom this was a continuation of their esperanto studies at local Primary and Intermediate Schools. Early evening programmes included the showing of a slide-tape show sent by Tashkent Esperanto Youth, Samarkand in southern USSR., and an evening of esperantized pop music.

**AUCKLAND:** On 29th May, Dr. Otto Haszpra, a distinguished Hungarian friend of Dr. Hamvai, was the guest of honour at an Auckland Club social evening at the home of the President, Mrs. Rita Aagaard. Dr. Haszpra, lecturer at Budapest Technical University had spent a year in USA on a Ford Fellowship studying hydro-electric projects, and was on his way back to Hungary. He gave a talk on Budapest - its bridges, the royal palaces and other historic places, illustrating his address with coloured slides.

**THE REGIONAL MEETING** held on 13th - 14th September 1969 in the Red Cross Rooms was very well attended. The programme began at 10am Saturday and finished in the late afternoon Sunday. A detailed programme appeared in the NZ Esperantist No.328 (Sept.Oct) and is worth studying. 76 Persons attended.

**DR. JOHN HAMVAI** taught 20 children in the Hall of Iona Church, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. Most were children of the local school whose ages ranged from 9 - 15 years.

**WHANGAREI:** The headmaster of Tangawahine Primary School, Mr. E.W. Hall, started a class of 12 boys and girls in a hobby period. Mr. Hall was a member of the Whangarei Esperanto Club.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** Mrs. Y.M. Canty sent 20,000 stamps to UEA, and 90,000 were sent by Mrs. Rita Aagaard.

**OBITUARY:** Mr. Sam Taylor, an esperantist of many years standing passed away in 1969. He and his family were circus performers when overseas. He specialised in riding a monocycle and promoted Esperanto when performing.

## 1970

**THE 35th CONGRESS OF NZEA** was held from 3 - 7 January 1970 in Hewitt House, Napier Girls' High School. Mr. B.M. Bennett, the President of the Hawkes Bay Esperanto Club welcomed the members and introduced Mr. P. Cox, the Deputy Mayor of Napier, who officially opened the Congress. The Congress President, Prof. C.J. Adcock, spoke about the sound decision that Esperanto be an official language in the Scout Jamboree in Japan in 1971. He spoke of the evolution throughout the world of simplifying the many systems, money, weights, measures, etc., and that logic could be followed in the simplification of international communication which needs an international language. There were 106 Full members and 38 Supporting. Profit was \$335.55.

**GREETINGS** were received from Mr. H.W. Holmes (UEA), Mr. V. Sadler (UEA), Humphrey Tonkin (TEJO), Mr. C.C. Goldsmith (Aust. Esperanto Asoc. & Manly Club). Letters were received from Australia, England, Wales, Spain, Russia, USA, Turkey, Germany, Scotland, Czechoslovakia, France, Holland, and Japan. Telegrams arrived from BEA, Joko Issobe, Mr. Issobe, Rita Aagaard, Joyce & Nelson Hill.

**DELEGATES:** Mrs. A.G. Wood (Auckland), Mr. D.J. Langman (Christchurch), Mrs. I. MacGill (Christchurch Teachers Training College), Mrs. J. Goodwin (Dargaville), Mrs. S. Gemmell (Dunedin), Mr. B. Bennett (Hawkes Bay), Mrs. J. Rolt (Hamilton), Mr. F.S. Hume (International Language Soc.), Mr. J. Farmery (Lower Hutt), Mrs. D. Moore (Masterton), Mrs. J.M. Porter (New Lynn), Mr. R. Morgan (Palmerston North), Mr. S. MacGill (St. Albans), Mr. R. Clarkson (Tauranga), Mr. D. MacGill (Trentham), Mrs. J. Wilson (Wanganui), Mr. R. Dearnley (Wellington & Rondo), Mrs. M. King (Wangarei).

**SUGGESTED NEW RULES:** In order to involve all regions in the administration of the Association, it was proposed that a study be made to change the rules along the following lines:

- (a) That we accept in principle, that the Council of NZEA be elected by postal ballot by the whole membership.
- (b) That we approve the idea of a Branch in any Region where that Region wishes, and the organisation is possible.
- (c) That, in the revised Constitution, control of the Association should be in the hands of three bodies.

**1. A National Council consisting of**

- (a) One representative per 25 members in each region elected by postal ballot of members in the region.
- (b) One representative of each specialist association attached to NZEA but without voting rights.
- (c) One representative of EJA NZ per 50 members but without voting rights.
- (d) The National President elected as suggested in the proposals.

Any financial member of NZEA shall have the right to attend meetings of Council and speak, but not to vote. Decisions of the Council shall be final. It shall meet annually.

**2. An Executive Committee** which shall consist of the President and one representative of each region. Members of the committee to have voting power commensurate with the region's number of members on the Council. This committee to have control of the affairs of the Association subject to the requirements of the Council, and the right of any two members to demand a postal vote of the full Council on any proposal.

It was proposed that the revised Constitution should make provision for the establishment of Regional Branches where the concerned Regions wished to do this, but still allow individual membership of the National Association where desired, and for affiliated groups on the present basis - without voting rights for representatives - to so continue. The subscription for individual membership to be at a higher rate than the capitation payment for Branch members.

**3. A Standing Committee** shall consist of the National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer and one member of the National Council living in the same area as the National Secretary. The National Council may appoint any other NZEA members to the Standing Committee if desired.

A sub-committee was set up to study, redraft and present a proposal along the lines decided by Congress. However, this proposal was never implemented.

**HONORARY FELLOWS.** It was decided to confer this honour on Mr. W.F. Rolt, Mr. D.A. MacGill and Mr. F.A. Tocker for outstanding service to the Esperanto Movement.

**PANEL DISCUSSION.** The general public was invited to attend a panel discussion on "What steps can New Zealand take toward ensuring peace and the necessities of life for all mankind?"

This was arranged for 6th January in the Red Cross Hall, Tennyson Street, Napier. The panel was Mrs. H.J. Donovan, LLB (International Law); Mrs. D.R. Lucas, B.Econ. (International Education), Mr. H.P.D. van Asch, Founder and Managing Director of Aerial Mapping Ltd. (International Citizenship), Mr. A.B. Ward, B.Sc., Reader in Agricultural Economics, Massey University (International Agricultural Economics). These speakers, selected for their eminence in their various international fields proved very stimulating, and made the evening a worthwhile experience for all who attended. At question time afterwards, the discussions became very lively.

**THE AUCKLAND ESPERANTO SOCIETY** started 1970 with a new President, Mrs. C.M. Larsen, and in new meeting rooms at 113 Mt. Eden Road. It was decided to hold the Regional Meeting over Queen's Birthday Weekend, 30th May to 1st June. Visitors came from Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Wanganui and Wellington.

Dr. J. Hamvai was a guest speaker on the subject, "Gandhi, Man of Peace." Children from Blockhouse Bay School presented an amusing sketch and sang in Esperanto. Besides the usual talks and Language Sessions, a mystery excursion was arranged and a group discussion on "How and Why I became an Esperantist?" "What should be done about the NZ economy and inflation?" "How can the Regional Meetings be improved?" On Sunday evening, the members went to the home of Mrs. Z. Harvey where Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley of Germany who had previously worked in the German Embassy in Korea showed slides of Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and Thailand.

Toward the end of the year, The Auckland Esperanto Society became Incorporated, and the first committee meeting as an Incorporated Society was held on 1st December 1970 in the home of Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood, 24 Stewart Road, Mt. Albert. Those attending were Mr. F.S. Hume,



President, Mrs. J. Siddall, Vice President, Mrs. A.G. Wood, Secretary, Mr. I.V. Jones, treasurer, Mrs. Z. Harvey, Mrs. B. Faithful, Miss R. Eichler and Mr. B. Moore. The decision to Incorporate was primarily done as the Society was establishing a Building Fund to purchase a suitable building in Auckland for an Esperanto Headquarters sometime in the future.

**WHANGAREI.** At the Winter Exhibition, 23 - 27 June, the Whangarei Club, with the help of the Dargaville Club, manned a stand for five days. Stephen Crossley was responsible for the Scouts Section. The stand gained much publicity and afterwards Mr. Wm. H. King was interviewed by Radio Station 1XN.

In the "NZE" Nos. 340 - 341 May - June 1970 were listed the Esperanto names for NZ birds, also for NZ plants. The author is Mr. Frank Tocker, Whangarei. Several corrections were published in "NZE" No. 345 October 1970.

**DUNEDIN.** On 22nd July, the Dunedin Esperantists took part in the Language Session of Education Week. Miss Merle Wildey arranged a two-hour Demonstration in the centre window of Parker & Keen, George Street. Three groups took part in a Language Demonstration. A group of 16 pupils from the MacAndrew Intermediate School successfully presented a play. The youngest class of the Dunedin Club sang and demonstrated an esperanto lesson. Pupils from Queen's High School gave an interesting demonstration of the International Language. The whole presentation attracted a crowd of passers by who watched from the footpath.

**THE 55th UNIVERSAL CONGRESS** was held in Vienna where Miss Gladys K. Jones was the official representative of NZEA. She gave greetings from the N.Z. Prime Minister, Minister of Education and the Leader of the Opposition. Full reports of the Congress were subsequently forwarded to all three. In acknowledging receipt of the report, the Prime Minister appeared somewhat impressed by the fact that the President of Austria, an Esperantist, delivered the Opening Address.

**HISTORY OF ESPERANTO IN NEW ZEALAND** written by Mr. W.H. King and presented to NZEA at the 30th Congress 1964 - 65. Following representations concerning the security of the manuscript of this important work, the Executive arranged for a photocopy to be made. This was held with the rest of the NZEA archives by Mr. J.T. Allan. It was the intention to ultimately produce the History in stencilled form.

**NZ INSTITUTE.** During 1970, the Executive approved the Statute of the NZ Institute of Esperanto (NZIE) and this organisation was to carry on its role in the Movement. Some of the aims were to organise a Correspondence Course, arrange qualified Tutors, supply Speakers for Congresses, and generally improve the level of Esperanto knowledge. A very ambitious project which only time would show its success.

**Foundation Members.** Mrs. C.M. Larsen, Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Miss E. Stephens, Miss E. Espiner, Mr. B. Potts, Mr. W.F. Rolt and Mr. D. Langman.

**MR. BERTRAM POTTS** resigned from the position of Book Reviewer in "NZE," and in appreciation Prof. Adcock wrote the following in "NZE" Nov/Dec. 1970.

"Mr. Bertram Potts, who has for so many years been New Zealand's foremost Esperantist, has lately been known to readers of the NZ Esperantist as literary critic, a role for which he is admirably equipped. Unlike many critics, however, he has now demonstrated that he can not only assist the work of others but also produce an outstanding contribution of his own.

It is not my intention to venture into literary criticism myself, but I welcome this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Potts on what I am sure will be a major contribution to our literature. I have long felt that he has been tempted to spend too much time on the more routine activities which the Movement demands of its supporters at the expense of more creative contributions which he is pre-eminently fitted to make. I hope that his book "Nokto da Timo", due to appear early in the New Year, is only the forerunner of a number of even more ambitious efforts and, while I regret his decision to cease his review contributions, for which he has acquired an international reputation, I rejoice in the further scope that this will give for original work. At the same time, I hope that he may still be tempted to give us the benefit of his wide experience and keen literary perception in reviewing outstanding contributions to our literature.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to our Honorary President our deep appreciation of the prestige which he has already given to Esperanto in New Zealand, and our hope that we shall have further cause for pride in a New Zealander who has already distinguished himself as a linguist, a language teacher, a reviewer and an able propagandist."

**ESPERANTO ROAD.** Mr. & Mrs. G. Aagaard subdivided property in Papatoetoe, Auckland, and found it necessary to name three streets. Immediately, Mrs. Rita Aagaard suggested "Esperanto Road." Sir Leon Gotz was MP for Manukau at that time, and was asked to officially open the new road. Many Auckland Esperantists attended the ceremony. Sir Leon became interested in Esperanto and willingly agreed to become Patron of the Auckland Esperanto Society. He admired the genius that lay behind the construction of the language. He himself spoke several languages. He often spoke at the Opening Meetings of the Auckland Society in February. At that time, he proposed in Parliament that Esperanto be taught in schools. Later he became High Commissioner for New Zealand in Canada.

**OBITUARIES:** Sir Frank Leon Aroha Gotz 1892 - 1970. The previous paragraph explains his interest in Esperanto. Mrs. Helen R. Harris, 1886 - 1970, died in New Plymouth on 16th April. Mrs. Harris had been active in the Esperanto Movement since 1938. She was the mother of Mr. David MacGill. Among her many activities, she founded the Esperanto Club in New Plymouth. By means of Esperanto, she successfully arranged the emigration to New Zealand of Dr. John Hamvai and his family, refugees from Hungary.

James Vadanovich 1889 - 1970, died suddenly in Dargaville on 13th August, a veteran esperantist. He was a member of the first group of esperantists from 1911 in Dargaville.

Vernon J. Leck, a pioneer of Esperanto in New Zealand, who died on 16th August 1970. He founded the journal, "La Interna Ideo", and under his guidance the Wellington Club grew to almost 200 members. It was said that these were the "Golden Years" of Esperanto in Wellington.

Lee Pollock passed away on 18.12.70

## 1971

**THE 36th NZEA CONGRESS,** 8 - 10 January 1971 was held at Rocklands Hall, Epsom, the Hall of Residence for the Teachers' Training College.

Mr. F.S. Hume, President of the Auckland Esperanto Society introduced Mr. Tongue, the Deputy Mayor of Auckland, who officially opened the Congress. Prof. C.J. Adcock, the President of NZEA replied. The Permanent Congress secretary, Mr. F.E. Wood read Greetings received from Mr. H.W. Holmes, Honorary President of UEA, Mrs. D. Kempton, Mr. Bluey Blong, Mr. & Mrs. B. Potts, Mr. & Mrs. N. Hill and Mr. Fritz Mueller-Sorau, Australia.

The guest speaker was Mr. Tibor Sekelj, Yugoslavia, well known throughout the Esperanto Movement. Mr. Sekelj spoke of the 3 stages in the evolution of the language.

First was the creation, prestige and improvement done by Zamenhof, Grabowski, Koloscaj and many others.

Second was the foundation, the National, International and the Specialist Branches.

Now is the third stage when it is essential that we introduce Esperanto into the every day practical world, into all affairs and places where international contacts occur.

**OTHER OVERSEAS VISITORS** were, from New South Wales, Mrs. Peggy Ford Lewis and Mrs. Marie Pearson. From Queensland, Mr. Hans Brendel and Mrs. Clark.

There was a total of 119 members and 28 Supporting members at this Congress, which made a profit of \$388.75.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** As Prof. Adcock would be away from New Zealand in 1971, he asked the Congress to elect another President. The officers elected were, President, Mr. J.T. Allan; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; General Secretary, Major H.W.R. Petersen; Assistant Secretary, Mr. D.A. MacGill; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Richardson; Information Officer, Mrs. L. Bruce; Education Officer, Mr. D.A. MacGill; Executive, Mrs. N. Montgomery and Mr. A. Richardson.

**CHANGE OF RULES OF NZEA.** After a long debate of the pros and cons, the proposal was defeated by 29 for and 49 against. An opinion was expressed afterwards that its failure was not because of its contents but that it was too radical for the members to accept. However, nothing but good can come from the discussion, as members would now be better able to understand the problems of an association where members are so widely scattered.

**AFFILIATED CLUBS IN 1971** were Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hawkes Bay, International Language Society, (Auckland), Masterton, Miramar, New Lynn, New Plymouth, Te Awamutu, Wakari, Wanganui, Wellington and Rongo, and Whangarei.

**DRAMA SHIELD.** This was presented by the Lower Hutt Esperanto Club in 1964. Winners were 29th Congress, Trentham; 31st Congress, Wanganui; 32nd Congress, Christchurch; 33rd & 34th Congress, Auckland; 35th Congress, Wanganui; 36th Congress, International Language Society, Auckland. The rules were that the play must be in Esperanto, have two or more players, and not be longer than 30 minutes. Since this award was instituted, it was noticed that there had been quite an improvement in the presentations.

**ORATORY COMPETITION.** It was announced that Mr. W.J. Hall had donated a trophy to encourage a higher standard in oratory.

**AN OVERSEAS VISITOR,** Mr. Erasmus Zilles, Neustadt, Germany, a correspondent of Mr. R. Clarkson, arrived in Auckland 16th March with a Tour group. Mr. Clarkson travelled from Tauranga and with Mrs. Y. Canty and Mrs. C. Larsen arranged a meeting. Although only 20 hours in Auckland, Mr. Zilles found time to visit the Auckland Club.

**THE 56th UEA CONGRESS.** Prof. C.J. Adcock was the official representative of NZEA, and was able to present the usual Greeting from the NZ Prime Minister, Mr. (later Sir) Keith Holyoake, Minister of Education, and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Norman Kirk. A report of the Congress was sent to them. Both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition replied. Sir Keith's reply was as follows: "Thank you for your courtesy in reporting to me on the 56th World Esperanto Congress which took place in London between 31 July - 7th August.

I am pleased to hear that the Congress was a success and the Agenda covered a wide range of language problems, particularly those within the European Economic Community. The resolutions passed by the committee have been noted as well as your advice that our New Zealand representative, Prof. C.J. Adcock, delivered my personal message to the Congress.

I continue to have an interest in the Esperanto Movement and your report is therefore deeply appreciated."

Mr. Norman Kirk's reply: "I was very pleased to receive your letter of 19 October enclosing a short report on 56th World Esperanto Congress held in London at the beginning of August.

I was very pleased to send a personal message to the Congress and was glad to know that Prof. Adcock, who delivered my personal message, also presented a paper in Esperanto at the International Summer University. There is no doubt that the European Economic Community would provide an ideal international situation for the use of Esperanto as its language, and I will be very interested to learn of future developments in this area."

Prof. Adcock presided in the discussion "Two Aspects of Teaching". He also gave a lecture on Psychology.

**SCOUT JAMBOREE, TOKYO,** in August. The NZEA donated \$100.00 to Stephen Crossley, Whangarei, to assist this scout to attend the Jamboree where the Esperanto Scout Association was organising a Display.

Mr. John Ferega, Te Kauwhata, a long standing Esperantist, but had not been active in recent years, reported that two scouts in Ohinewai were learning Esperanto. They hoped to meet Stephen Crossley and practice the language on the way to Japan.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** This was the 13th year that Mrs. Colleen Larsen had been Manager of the Book Department. Sales for the year were \$1776.15 and the value of stock \$2780.35. Mrs. L. Bruce had maintained a stock in Christchurch with sales of \$112.69. Mrs. Larsen asked members for new ideas as after 13 years hers were getting exhausted. She had also collected a large number of books for the NZEA Library which required to be catalogued before they could be used for distribution.

**THE N.Z. INSTITUTE OF ESPERANTO.** Information about Esperanto was sent to a total of 56 enquirers. An advertisement in the "Listener" brought 24, and from "The Weekly News" 27. 5000 Calendars for 1972 were printed at a cost of \$42.50. Mr. Frank Swift of Christchurch arranged the printing and he paid a quarter of the cost. Donations were also received from The Auckland Esperanto Society, Dunedin Esperanto Club, Mrs. S. Gemmell, Mrs. C. Larsen, Mr. D. Lea and Mrs. M. McAvinue. In the Correspondence Courses were 17 Beginners, 2 Intermediates and 3 Advanced. The Tutors in 1971 were Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Miss E. Espiner, Miss E. Stephens, Mr. J. Baker, Mr. C. Brown, Mr. R. Clarkson, Mr. F. Hume, Mr. D. Langman, Mr. R. Morgan and Mr. A. Wiltshire.



**SCHOOL EXAMINATION COURSE.** For the third time, NZEA organised an Examination in Intermediate Schools. Two gained top places from Rutherford Intermediate School, Wanganui, Kerry Sturzaker 73% and Susan Rosmala with 70%.

At Pleasant Point High School (Grades 1 to 6), the candidates tackled the second grade papers. The results were surprisingly good, and it was decided to give a special award to Dianne Mori who received the highest points. The real winner of the 2nd grade section was Heather Marsden of Sacred Heart, Lower Hutt. 27 candidates took part. The winners were invited to the 3rd EJA NZ Camp at Pahiatua near Lake Wairarapa.

**CONGRESS CANCELLATION STAMP:** NZEA paid \$39.00 to have one Post Office have a cancellation stamp with "Esperanto Congress," for the Congress in Wellington in 1972.

**DUNEDIN.** On 12th June, Mrs. Bussell spoke to a group of 22 Wolf Cub Leaders at Waiora about Esperanto. The leaders came from all parts of the South Island and showed a lot of interest. Several wanted to learn the language and later teach it to Cubs.

Mrs. Aldridge was teaching Esperanto to 34 children in a hobby class at Balmacewen Intermediate School. A group of 10 girls from Columbia College Primary Department met each Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Gemmell.

**WHANGAREI.** The members of the Whangarei Club welcomed back Mr. Dennis Pease after almost three years overseas. During his working holiday, mainly spent in England and Germany, Dennis represented NZEA at the World Congresses in Helsinki and Vienna. The previous year he attended the British Congress in Harrogate.

The President, Mr. Don Cornes gave a talk on Esperanto to local members of the "Round Table" on 6th April, and also answered questions about Esperanto and the Movement.

Lessons were given to 45 girls and boys at St. Joseph's School and to one Nun.

**PUBLICITY.** 9th November, the "Otago Times" published a full-page article about Esperanto as part of a series on various educational themes. Included in it was a summary of the grammatical structure of the language centred on the "Esperanto at a Glance" sheet, and some thoughts on language discrimination and the prospects for an international auxiliary language based on the booklet "Freedom of Speech." The material was supplied to the paper by Miss Merle Wildey of Dunedin.

**AUCKLAND.** In October while on her way to an Esperanto Meeting, Mrs. Rita Aagaard was knocked over by a car and sustained very serious injuries which kept her in hospital for nearly 9 months. This was a very serious blow to the Association and in particular to the Auckland Esperanto Society where she was very active and, at the time, teacher of the senior group. She was also active in collecting used postage stamps, and had, up to her accident, sent 70,000 used stamps to UEA.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS** during the year were Mrs. Shortland from Ipswich, England; Mrs. Dorothy Lee, California; Dr. & Mrs. Einikovici, Perth, Australia, and Mr. & Mrs. Potts and Mr. & Mrs. Major of Wellington who were on holiday in Auckland.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** Miss A. Lea gained the highest marks and received the Yvon Canty prize. Other successful candidates were Miss R. Eichler, Mrs. I.M. Millier and Mr. R. Linsay.

**OBITUARIES.** Miss Mary Louise Luplau 1865 - 1971 known as the oldest esperantist in the world passed away on 28th March 1971 at the age of 106 years. She died in her own home in a street which carried her name, 27 Luplau Crescent, Howick, Auckland. Born in Ballarat, Australia, she came to New Zealand at an early age where she lived and worked. For some years an Esperanto group met above her shop in Symonds Street, Auckland. Since her 100th birthday, she was interviewed on Television and for the daily Newspapers and mentioned her interest in Esperanto.

**Francis Alfred Tocker FNZEA 1895 - 1971.** The Esperanto Movement lost a valued supporter and friend on 27th July. He was a member of the Whangarei Club, member of NZEA and delegate of UEA in Whangarei. In recent years, he had taught Esperanto to a group of pupils at Hora Hora Intermediate School and had compiled in Esperanto the terms of NZ birds, insects and plants. He was a retired Headmaster and avid reader of English classics and Esperanto literature. He knew Maori and had an interest in biological fields. Although he has passed on, he has left much behind for future esperantists.

Mr. J.S. Kerrisk, Hawera, Life member of NZEA, died in May. He taught Esperanto in the school for a number of years.

Mr. R.L. Gibbons, Auckland died at the end of November.

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**THE 37th NZEA CONGRESS 6 - 10 January 1972** held in the YWCA, 355 Willis Street, Wellington. 94 Full members and 29 supporting.

Mr. Nelson Hill, President of the Wellington Club, welcomed the members, and the Congress Secretary, Mr. F.E. Wood gave Greetings from 34 organisations and individuals in 14 countries.

Mr. Hill introduced the Mayor of Wellington, Sir Francis Kitts, who gave a suitable speech of the progress of international communication. He said, "Perhaps the 21st Century will see the introduction of an international language. Because of its evolution - therefore strength - Esperanto could take on the role of the international language in due course".

The President of NZEA, Mr. J.T. Allan, reminded the members that this was the 8th time that the Congress had been held in Wellington. He briefly mentioned the point of view expressed in the 56th Universal Congress in London 1971 regarding the necessity of an international language and the growing problems in relation to languages in the European Common Market. In conclusion, he said that the introduction of Esperanto could help to stop the increasing corruption of the English language which was occurring at present throughout the world.

The President of EJANZ, Mr. Pat Jordan, spoke of the three tasks of the Association. First, internal strengthening of the organisation and experience. The third Camp had helped in this regard. Second, publication particularly with non-Esperanto organisations. Third, the relationship between NZEA and EJANZ. EJANZ had just approved a proposal which, if accepted by NZEA, would clarify the present uncertainty.

The guest speaker, Mr. J. Vilkki, Finland, described the methods by which one can learn a language; as a child in the home, in a course or by personal study. His personal experience was that a few months living among speakers of other languages was the best method. So it was very important that esperantists use the language as much as possible among themselves.

Mrs. E. Lymburn gave her impressions of the 56th Universal Congress in London 1971.

Mr. D. Pease briefly reported on his three years in Europe during which Esperanto was of great help. He used the language extensively and was able to attend the Universal Congresses in Helsinki 1969, and Vienna 1970.

**NZ ASSOCIATION OF ESPERANTO TEACHERS (NZAET).** During the Congress, the President of NZEA, Mr. J.T. Allan advised that the NZ Association of Esperanto Teachers had spent a lot of time discussing the problem of teaching. Also in this sphere the urgent necessity existed to co-ordinate and rationalise this action. The most important body was the Teachers Association and the Institute, although EJANZ does some import in this direction. The secretary, Mrs. J. Wilson reported that, for health reasons, Miss E. Stephens had to resign as President but would help where possible. The new President was Mr. P. Walker. The Association had joined the International League of Esperanto Teachers (ILE) and Mr. F. Fleming was the agent. Mr. Walker later reported of the decisions of the Association.

1. Encourage the Institute to arrange a certificate of competence for teachers both professional and non professional.
2. As much as possible normalise the study programme in schools and recommend the text book "A School Esperanto Course" for the first year course.
3. Improve the relationship and exchange of ideas with other teaching institutions.

**OFFICERS ELECTED TO NZEA** were: President, Mr. J.T. Allan; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; General Secretary, Major H.W.R. Petersen; Assist. Secretary, Mr. D.A. MacGill; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Richardson; Information Officer, Mr. D. Pease; Education Officer, Mr. D. MacGill; Executive, Mrs. N. Montgomery and Miss M. Hamlin; Auditor, Mr. P. Carver.

**FINANCES:** Having bank balances of \$390.00 to the parent body and \$578.54 in the junior section, the treasurer, Mrs. M. Richardson made this very interesting observation. "It is no novelty in this day and age to learn that the child is better off than the parent. May they continue to prosper."



# TREASURE'S REPORT to 30th September 1972.

<u>Expenditure</u>	\$	<u>Income</u>	\$
Affiliation Fees	23.79	Affiliation Fees	36.40
Depreciation	8.86	37th Congress	299.88
NZ Esperantist	359.51	Interest	222.48
Postage & stationery	121.32	Subscriptions	512.75
Publicity	30.00	Greeting Cards	.52
Wages & Allowances	308.00	Advertising	4.90
General Expenses	47.22	Examination Fees	1.50
Profit	179.73		
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**BEA EXAMINERS:** It was reported that the examiners for the British Esperanto Association were Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Mrs. Rita Agaard, Mr. W.Rolt and Mr. D. Langman. Mr. B. Potts has the right but no longer acts in this capacity.

**NZ ESPERANTIST.** Because of other commitments and the need to devote more time to his career, Mr. A.(Tony) Richardson decided that he could no longer devote the time necessary to remain the editor and resigned. During his three years reign, he tried to change the image of the gazette, and because of that, had to weather a few storms. With the enthusiasm of youth, he was not content with stagnation and wanted to change things as quickly as possible. In his farewell to Tony, the new editor, Major H.W.R. Petersen, published the following. "Since No.324 from 1969 until No.362 in 1972, Tony Richardson occupied the position of Editor of the NZ Esperantist. The period was instructive, interesting, full of criticism, comments - even controversy. Although everything printed did not please everyone, and occasionally seemingly pleased nobody, in the main the politics of Tony did not harm the movement. It instigated careful reading of the gazette, protesting letters and angry reactions. That is good for the movement where most members are inclined to silence, inaction and even apathy. Thank you, Tony, for your efforts, which always aimed to liven up the movement and make the members think."

Tony had for a number of years been active in the Junior Section which in his time had grown from very few members to 63 full financial members and 26 supporting members, a situation that Tony was, quite rightfully, never hesitant to point out.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** Unfortunately Mrs. C.M. Larsen felt obliged to resign from the Managership of the Book Department, and the editorial in the "NZE" translates as follows: "Thank you, Colleen! No New Zealand esperantist would refute that the Book Department is the most important single enterprise of the Association. Through it we acquire our text books, dictionaries, reading books, novels and cultural works. It is the internal source of our literature, and without literature we are without our language. For 13 years conscientiously, efficiently and continually, Mrs. Colleen Larsen guided this establishment. That she fully succeeded is attested by the fact that during 1971, books were sold to the value of \$1776.00. That is not an inconsiderable sum and equally considerable are the long hours and much hard work which Colleen dedicated to her task. Nevertheless, in spite of the successes and accumulation of many years experience, at the end of 1971, Colleen decided that the time had arrived when she must resign. Not because of lack of interest nor of enthusiasm, but because of too much other work. As Director of the NZ Institute of Esperanto, and Custodian of the new NZEA Library in Auckland, she thought that those tasks have not been satisfactorily fulfilled because of the demands of the Book Department. With regret the Executive faced the inevitable situation and had to accept, at the same time expressing its heartfelt thanks for the great service which had been received by NZEA for many years. As a last word, Colleen, it is going to be strange to see you in front of the Congress Bookstall instead of behind it." The new manager from May 1972 was Mr. E.R. Parsons with the help of his wife and daughter. This meant that the Book Department was transferred to Te Awamutu.

**PERMANENT CONGRESS SECRETARY.** The year proved something of a disaster through resignations when the Permanent Congress Secretary decided that he could no longer continue. The editor of "NZE" wrote as follows: "Mr. Fred E. Wood became the Congress Secretary in

1967 and enthusiastically, untiringly and very satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of that demanding office, so much so that five Congresses were a brilliant success. Having experienced the last three (Napier, Auckland and Wellington) I myself can rightly vouch for that. Let us not forget that the Congress arrangements are the culmination of many months work.

Owing to the pressure of private affairs, Fred was obliged to resign. However much we regret that, we can indeed understand. A profession and family must come before Esperanto.

We thank you, Fred, and Audrey (his wife) because of the many tasks fulfilled which gave to each member of the Congress so much pleasure and contentment. We are very pleased that you will remain among us, although you will not take such an active part as previously.

**VISITORS FROM SWITZERLAND.** The Esperantists in Auckland had the pleasure at the end of March, to meet Mr. Sonderegger, Zurich. When Mr. Sonderegger advised that he intended to visit this country, Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood arranged a meeting in their home and a pleasant evening ensued. Mr. Sonderegger was fluent in the International Language, but also spoke several other languages. With him was a friend, Mr. Jacob Hofstetter, a fellow worker in the Swiss Railways who spoke neither Esperanto nor English. Mr. & Mrs. Wood also showed them the sights of Auckland during the day and at night to see the lights from such places as Mt. Eden.

In Wellington they were the guests of Mr. R. Dearnley, and Mr. J.T. Allan acted as chauffeur. Christchurch also arranged a meeting and very much profited from the visit. Mr. Sonderegger was an ardent traveller made easier because of the reciprocal arrangements between countries for railway workers. He had already visited over 60 countries and was an avid photographer.

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION.** It was stated in the "NZE" that it was proving most frustrating trying to obtain accurate statistics concerning the teaching of Esperanto in schools. Here is a list which is certainly incomplete: Northshore Teachers College - class conducted by Miss S. Hill; Wellington Polytechnic - Prof. Adcock with 20 registered students; Evans Bay Intermediate, a large class - Mr. T. McHugh; Upper Hutt Intermediate - Mrs. G. Sutton, 28 students; Napier, a lunchtime group of 9, and an evening group of 5 - Mr. P. Walker; Sacred Heart, Napier - 3 Beginners conducted by Miss Williams; Hawera, three F2 classes, 107 students - Mr. Caddick; Melville Intermediate, Hamilton, 15 students - Mr. Lane.

The NZ Association of Esperanto Teachers totalled 29 financial members. The first number of the gazette, "Fonto" had been printed and sent out to members.

**AROUND THE COUNTRY. AUCKLAND.** On 17th July, the Auckland Esperanto Society arranged a Progressive Dinner when 45 persons took part. First the group went to the home of Mrs. J. Siddall in Mission Bay where the first course - soup was served. The group then divided into two, some going to the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Lea, Mt. Eden, and the others to the home of Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Epsom for the main course. Everyone then travelled to the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood, Mt. Albert, where the Sweets Course was served. The evening entertainment was a presentation of colour slides by Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Mrs. E. Lymburn and Mrs. J. Siddall. It proved to be an excellent get-together.

The Society also arranged a Regional Weekend 9 - 10 September. 56 Esperantists from Kerikeri to Wellington attended. It was with pleasure that Mrs. Aagaard was able to attend after a 9-month stay in hospital after the car accident.

The speakers were Mr. Bob Perfect, (Language session), David MacGill, (Japan), Dennis Pease, (Germany), Matt Carver, (Slides of the Orient), Mrs. Colleen Larsen (NZE Examinations). Lunch on Sunday was served in the home of Mrs. Siddall.

On 7th October, Mr. Jean Requilliard, UEA Delegate in Vierzon, France, arrived in Auckland and was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. A. Wiltshire. They had been correspondents since 1952, and they met in France in 1954 and 1960 where Mr. & Mrs. Wiltshire were guests and Mr. Requilliard arranged meetings for them. While in Auckland, a meeting of Esperantists was arranged in the home of Audrey & Fred Wood. Besides showing the visitor around Auckland, Mr. Wiltshire accompanied him on a bus tour of New Zealand going as far as Milford Sound.

**DUNEDIN.** The Dunedin Esperanto Club held a Dinner at Cherry Court Lodge on Saturday, 24th June when 25 were present. The President welcomed Mr. C. Brown and Mrs. L. Bruce from Christchurch. The menu was in Esperanto, and the group afterwards went into the Conference Room for Esperanto conversation. The evening was most successful, and the Club hoped to make it an annual event.

**WELLINGTON.** Between 12 - 15 May, a group of enthusiasts travelled to Palmerston North through the Manawatu and returned via the Wairarapa. They visited clubs and isolated esperantists where programmes were presented by the visitors and the hosts. This was the 4th time a group

of young people had made this kind of trip. Programmes and competitions were presented in Palmerston North, Masterton and Upper Hutt.

Major Petersen was a guest on "Doreen's" radio session. For quite a long time afterwards, Mr. Petersen received a great number of 'phone calls, letters etc. for information about Esperanto and the aims of Esperanto. Much publicity was gained from this interview.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.** A class of 10 members met each Wednesday in the home of Mrs. M. McAvinue. Ralph Morgan and Wally Hall were the teachers. Mrs. McAvinue taught small groups at Takaro, Ross Intermediate and Freyberg High School.

An Exhibition was arranged in the Town Centre and Mr. Ralph Morgan spoke to the Rotary Club at Woodville.

**WHANGAREI.** Scouts of the Hora Hora Group were preparing to take part in the 14th World Scout Jamboree at Lillehammer, Norway in 1975. They were learning Esperanto to overcome the inevitable language barriers which arise at these international gatherings. Classes were held every Monday in conjunction with the Whangarei International Club and were taught by Mr. Dennis Pease DBEA. The scouts were trying to get in contact with scouts who would attend the Jamboree, correspond with them over the next 3 years and then meet them at the Jamboree.

A special effort was to be made to contact scouts from the host country - Norway. Those taking part were David Blackledge, Lee Prater, Glenn Prater, Stephen Sullivan, Barry Long, Brent Taylor, Glen Taylor, Colin Jaggard, Russell Jaggard, Paul Mortimer, Devon Brown and Scout Leaders Noel Herman and Dennis Pease.

**ROTORUA.** Although there was no club in Rotorua, the town has many visitors, and the Delegate, Mr. Pat Williams and Vice Delegate, Miss Agnes Bray welcome those who announce themselves. The most recent were Roy Tubb and Graeme Panting, both members of the Reading Club, England. Mr. Tubb was a Mathematics teacher and Mr. Panting was in the office of the British Railway hotel organisation in London.

**57th UNIVERSAL CONGRESS,** held in Portland, Oregon, USA. Mr. Ralph Dearnley was the official New Zealand representative and gave greetings from NZEA, The Prime Minister, Minister of Education, and Leader of The Opposition. Among the many people he met at the Congress were, Mr. Feraga, Te Awamutu and Rowena (nee) MacGill, Japan.

**NZ PREPARATORY EXAMINATION:** Miss Wendy Symonds, Dunedin, gained the Yvon Canty Prize.

**WELLINGTON.** In December, Mr. Michael Leon visited Fukuoka in southern Japan where his wife was born. He met a number of esperantists and spoke at meetings and learned of the difficulties that the Japanese have in learning a foreign language.

**OBITUARIES.** William H. Tooley 1888 - 1972. After 40 years of work for Esperanto, Bill Tooley died at Onetangi, Waiheke Island, Auckland on 2nd January 1972. For 30 years, Mr. Tooley actively and enthusiastically helped to spread Esperanto in Christchurch until he moved to Waiheke Island, Auckland where he continued his interest in the Esperanto Language. The obituary in the "NZE" 360 - 362 was written by Mr. Wm. H. King - little did he know that he was to follow his friend 22 days later.

**William Hudson King.** The Esperanto Movement received a cruel blow, and many Esperantists suffered a heartfelt loss when our well known friend, William H. King, died on 24th January 1972. For 52 years, Bill was an active Esperantist. Prof. Adcock wrote: "I first met him in 1928, but he was already an experienced Esperantist who had done much for the language. In 1920 he joined BEA and in the following year, he revived the Whangarei Esperanto Club with the help of Mr. Tilly, and was elected Secretary/treasurer. In the same year, he received the Diploma of the British Esperanto Association. In 1925 he attended the 5th Australasian Congress, and although he was only 25, they elected him President of the Congress." Prof. Adcock continued, and as he rightfully said, "To fully report about the Esperanto activities of Mr. King would need a book nearly as big as his own 'History of Esperanto in New Zealand,' because effectively the history of the man is also the history of the movement of New Zealand." Mr. King's splendid contribution "The History of Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963 was published in 1972.

Mr. Frank Wise, Gisborne who died 15th August 1972. He was a member of UEA.

Mrs. M.C. Doherty of Wellington



**THE 38th NZEA CONGRESS 4 - 8 January 1973** was held in St. Matthews Collegiate School for Girls, Masterton. Mr. W. Olsen, President of the local Club welcomed the members and introduced the Mayor of Masterton, Mr. Tankersley, who spoke of the fact that distant travel was no longer a problem but communication between different nationalities was still a barrier. Over the years Esperanto has proved that it is of immense help. In reply, the President of NZEA mentioned that the last Congress to be held in Masterton was 40 years ago, but he hoped that the next time would not be so long. The President of the Junior Section (KAJ), Mr. S. MacGill, outlined their activities and expressed much hope for the present year.

**OVERSEAS GREETINGS** were received from Dr. Borman, UEA Executive, an 11 minute taped speech; Mr. H. Koppel, Australian Esperanto Assoc; Mr. Giloteaux, North France Esperanto Fed; Mr. Aa, Holland; Mr. Parku, Czechoslovakia; Mr. Perelman, Kiev, USSR and Mr. Choutoff, Israel Esperanto League.

**VISITORS** welcomed were Miss Celia Radcliffe and Mr. A. Cocking, both of Australia.

After the Official Opening, a Maori Concert Party presented songs and a Poi Dance.

Later, the members took part in a Wine & Cheese evening which created a very convivial atmosphere which continued throughout the Congress.

A number of unexpected difficulties had to be overcome with this Congress. Early the previous year a group of NZEA officials had visited the Congress venue to ascertain its suitability. On arrival in January 1973, to the consternation of members, it was discovered that the hall which had been planned for the meetings had been removed. However, another hall was available, too large for our needs, but this at least solved one of the problems.

During the Congress, a fairly strong earthquake visited the locality about 2 a.m. which wakened most of the residents and was the talking point thereafter.

Another disappointment occurred when the excursion to Bruce Reserve had to be cancelled because one of the Takahe hens had decided to rear a family, and the Reserve was closed to protect one of the most endangered birds in the world.

These occurrences did not detract from the enjoyment of the Congress.

**ORATORY COMPETITION.** For the Oratory Contest, commencing at this Congress, in addition to the "Wally Hall Cup" there was to be a cash prize of \$10.00 restricted to competitors under 26 years of age. Our thanks for this were due to Mr. M.L. McNamara of Auckland, who had donated \$20.00 to encourage participation in this competition by younger members, who would also, of course, be eligible to win the "Cup". Three persons entered, Mrs. J. Wilson, Stefan MacGill and Mr. J. Major who was awarded the "Wally Hall Trophy."

**A BARBECUE** instead of the usual meal was a first, approved by some but not by others.

**EJANZ CAMP.** Prior to the Congress EJANZ arranged a Camp where 26 attended, aged 11 to 26. Language sessions, amusements and preparation of items for 38th Congress made it a strenuous time.

The Closing Ceremony occurred during the very successful Cabaret Evening on the last day. Attendance at Congress was 90, with 29 supporting members.

The following Clubs affiliated with NZEA in 1973: Auckland; Christchurch; Hamilton; Hawkes Bay; International Language Society, Auckland; Masterton; Nelson; New Lynn; Palmerston North; Rondo, (Wellington); Te Awamutu; Wanganui; Wakari; Wellington; Whangarei. An increase over last year.

**HISTORY OF ESPERANTO IN NEW ZEALAND.** The completed manuscript was presented to NZEA by Mr. Wm H. King in 1964, and since then a number of people had begun to type stencils with the aim to have it published. However, for various reasons, this had never been completed, so at the 38th Congress Audrey & Fred Wood offered to take on the task of its completion.

It was found necessary to start again from the beginning so that the typing was uniform. In total 332 stencils were typed by Audrey and duplicated by Fred on a hand gestetner. The stencils were all proof read by Miss E. Stephens. In all, 100 books were produced and the job of collating all the pages into 100 books, each with 332 pages was a mammoth task on its own. The books were professionally bound with a hard cover and offered for sale at \$8.00 each. A number of

Public Libraries in New Zealand purchased copies and UEA ordered a small stock. The undertaking had taken every spare moment during 1973 often working until after midnight. It has proved a valuable historical document and it is hoped that the movement appreciates the vast amount of work which was done by a few dedicated persons. Mr. & Mrs. Wood spent approximately 600 hours in its production. The profit of \$294.53 was put into the "William King Cultural Fund." Major Petersen reported:- The book's red binding is very attractive, and it would be a valuable addition to everyone's book shelf. To Mr. & Mrs. Wood I extend my very sincere personal thanks for a perfectly completed task.

Orders already received were posted out in November, most of them costing 29 cents in the North Island and 40 cents to Dunedin. UEA, Rotterdam, Holland had ordered 20 books which were sent in five parcels, costing \$1.47 each, a total of \$7.15. A copy was posted to Vienna, Austria which cost 50c to send, and several copies to Australia 75c.

**A REPORT FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY,** Major H.W.R. Petersen is worth noting: "According to statistics, the work of the General Secretary was lightened during 1973. Letters and postcards despatched totalled 250 compared with 380 in 1972 (not including circulars and minutes etc.) Nevertheless, according to personal experience, I am able to say that the work is trying and takes a lot of time. Besides correspondence, things to be done are daily visits (except Sunday) to the Post Office and Post box, attend meetings, preparation of the minutes, telephone conferences etc. However those are the accepted tasks, and one must not complain."

**GROUPS FORMED OR REJUVENATED** were Hamilton; President, Mr. W.F. Rolt, Vice President, Mrs. J. Rolt, Treasurer, Mrs. A. Taylor.

Nelson, from 27th April. President, Mr. Colin Fredericksen; Secretary, Mr. J. Wheeler; Committee, Mrs. C. Skilton, Mr. H. Young, Mr. R. Mott. The Club had 20 financial members.

Paekakariki - Mrs. Dorothy Grotton taught a Study Group.

Wainuiomata - Mr. Don Raynor was responsible for a new group in the district.

**DEPUTATION.** During the year, Prof. Adcock led a Deputation to the Minister of Education. A meeting with Mr. Lee, Director of Primary Education, his assistant, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Ross who headed the Curriculum Unit and Mr. Welsh, the foreign language expert followed. Mr. Tunnicliffe was unable to be present to speak from experience as Headmaster of a school teaching Esperanto, nor his assistant Mr. Caddick. However, Mr. O'Connor was able to make a useful contribution being Acting Head at Colyton and had long experience with Esperanto at Evans Bay Intermediate. Mr. Tunnicliffe and Miss Wildey, Queens College, Dunedin, sent written statements which proved very valuable. The suggestion by the deputation that Training College Students should have the opportunity to study the language was considered too optimistic, but the possibility of in-service training for existing teachers was thought to be more hopeful and possible plans for a course, run with the help of the Esperanto Association were discussed.

The Deputation laid great emphasis upon the need for teachers to feel that the Department was taking a serious view of the teaching of Esperanto, and it was agreed that the Department should, as an initial step in this direction, begin with a survey of current Esperanto teaching, and should follow this up by initiating controlled research into the effects of children learning Esperanto, more particularly with regard to its facilitation of work in English and foreign language learning. The full report is in the "NZE" No.372 5/1972

**PUBLIC MEETING.** WEA (Workers Educational Association) Christchurch ran a course teaching Esperanto. For 3 years there were not sufficient students and no course was given. However, each year the Christchurch Esperanto Society had taught the 3 or 4 casual beginners. In view of that, the Christchurch Society asked for a grant from the Ensom Esperanto Foundation (Trust), but according to the rules, this could not be done if the course was run by another organisation. However, WEA agreed to support a public meeting on Esperanto provided the Esperanto Club could supply good speakers. The Christchurch Society obtained Prof. Adcock, President of NZEA, Professor Bancroft, head of the French Department, Canterbury University, and Mr. A.A. Dingwall, President of the National Committee for Adult Education. The Christchurch Society informed Headmasters, secretaries of Language Departments and others about the meeting. 33 people attended. The speakers gave their addresses followed by discussion and then supper. This meeting was a means of bringing to the attention of Headmasters of schools, Language Departments of Canterbury University and others the value of Esperanto, and the need to include Esperanto as one of their language electives.

**THE PRACTICAL USE OF ESPERANTO.** Mr. Stefan MacGill with his wife Irene travelled extensively during the year. In Japan they visited Esperanto Clubs and noted that the teaching of

spoken English was a failure. While in Europe, they attended the Junior Congress in Sarajevo and the Universal Congress in Beograd (Yugoslavia) where Stefan represented New Zealand and took part in the Oratory Competition at the Congress gaining First Place. He gave Greetings from NZEA, The Prime Minister, Mr. Norman Kirk and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. J.R. Marshall. Both the latter were given reports of the Congress by the General Secretary and both replied as follows:

31 October 1973

"Dear Mr. Petersen,

Thank you for writing to me and reporting on the 58th Universal Congress of Esperanto held from 28 July to 4 August in Yugoslavia.

It is indeed pleasing to learn that New Zealand's representative, Mr. Stefan MacGill, gained First Prize in the Oratory Competition.

I note that the Congress this year concentrated on the language problem within Europe and I am happy to note the resolutions which were passed at the conclusion of the Congress.

Again, thank you for keeping me advised.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Norman Kirk.

31 October 1973

Dear Major Petersen,

Thank you for your letter of 28 October in which you report to me on the 58th Anniversary Congress of Esperanto held in Yugoslavia. I am grateful to you for sending me a report of events and was most interested to learn about the Congress and the resolution that was passed. I do acknowledge the importance of communication between all nations and peoples and am interested in the development of Esperanto in this respect.

Further, I must ask you to pass my congratulations to Stefan MacGill, your representative at this Congress, on his achievement on gaining First prize in the Oratory Competition. I am sure that you will be very proud of him. I wish him the very best in his future activities with your Association.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J.R. Marshall

Leader of the Opposition.

**NEW PUBLICATION.** "La Sklavoj de Dio" by Geza Gardony. Dr. John Hamvai, Auckland, translated this book from the Hungarian. The success of the translation can be gained from a report from Mr. P. T. V. of Classical Languages, Budapest: "I have already read this book and am able to assure you that it pleased me more than the original, although even that I read several times because of its charm. Thank you for the spiritual enjoyment."

**AUCKLAND.** The Auckland Society held the Annual Picnic at Wenderholm, a beach resort 32 miles to the north.

The Club decided to bestow Honorary Life Membership on Mr. A.G. Wiltshire for his long association to the Club and the Movement. Mr. Wiltshire first came in contact with Esperanto in 1906 when he visited the International Exhibition in Christchurch but did not begin to learn until he met Mr. W. H. King in Masterton in 1939. He later transferred to Hamilton and helped with the Congress there in 1948. He joined the Auckland Esperanto Society in the same year, so had completed 25 years membership.

The Auckland Esperanto Society again arranged a Regional Weekend 8 - 9 September. Items included a short sketch by Mr. & Mrs. Rolt (Hamilton), and Mr. Rolt spoke of the problems of retirement. The Scout Movement and Esperanto was the subject selected by Mr. Dennis Pease (Whangarei). Mr. Ivan Pivac, (son of George Pivac) although blind, spoke of his travels in England and Europe. He had returned to Auckland a few months previously and planned to return to England for further study. An interesting talk was given by Mr. Ewen Parsons (Te Awamutu) who described the function of colour television. Mr. David MacGill spoke about Buddhism and announced that he would be going to live in Japan. Others who presented items were Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mrs. Ellen Lymburn. Short talks, group discussions and sketches were presented. In the evening, concert items included songs by Mrs. B. Faithful and banjo items by Mr. Higgott.



On Sunday a convoy of cars went to Long Bay and afterwards went for lunch at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Thompson. A total of 45 attended the weekend meetings from Whangarei, Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Napier and Wellington.

**WOODEND.** On 23 - 24 February, approximately 20 people, mainly from Christchurch, but also from Dunedin, Nelson, Wellington and Palmerston North went to a large house where Stefan and Irene resided. After the arrival in ones and twos, all went to the beach for a picnic lunch, swim, and games in the park among the pine trees, also with plenty of esperanto conversation. An impromptu concert in the evening continued until the early hours. Most found a place on the floor to sleep for the night. Few had energy enough to be very active next day, and after a quiet time one after the another set off to return home.

**WELLINGTON.** In September, members of the "Rondo" welcomed Mr. Claude Piron, a Belgian who lived in Switzerland and was the minute secretary at the World Health Organisation (WHO). In Brazil he had met a group of Esperantists in the Club at Rio de Janeiro. They showed him the sights of that city and he was very much impressed with the beauty of the Brazilians and the gay atmosphere which reigns everywhere. During a short stay in Chili, Mr. Piron witnessed the every day riots which occur there. After arriving in New Zealand, Mr. Piron fulfilled several duties in the September Conference of the West Pacific Branch of WHO which occurred in Wellington. Because of long standing experience of international meetings, he was able to speak in detail of the hindrances, both amusing and absurd, which the language problem causes; about long delays because of microphone defects; about the impossibility of easy, natural discussion between delegates; about delegates from one country who speak a language of another with a pronunciation incomprehensible by a delegate of a third country.

He emotionally compared a ludicrous language situation in that kind of conference with the tranquil friendly atmosphere which Esperanto makes possible.

**HAWKES BAY.** Fourteen members attended the Annual Meeting early in November and the following persons were elected: Patron, Mr. Percy Berry (Havelock North); President, Mr. Tony Hill (Hastings); Secretary, Mrs. Kay Dobson (Napier); Treasurer, Mr. R. Harding (Taradale); Librarian, Mr. Peter Walker (Hastings). Meetings were held every second Saturday in the home of Mrs. Betty Hickey. Recently the Club had been host to Mr. & Mrs. Stein, San Diego, USA., who made an extensive tour of New Zealand and contacted esperantists wherever possible.

**PREPARATORY EXAMINATION OF NZEA.** The successful candidates were Mr. H. Larsen, Miss J. Larsen, Mr. S. Lucas, Mrs. E. Lucas, Mrs. E.M. Dunlop, all of Christchurch, Mrs. K. Dobson (Napier), Mrs J. L. May. Because of the closeness of the two highest marked papers, it was decided to award two prizes, one Yvon Canty prize to Mr. H. Larsen and one to Miss J. Larsen.

**OBITUARIES.** Mr. Patrick Sheehan after a short illness died on 26th March. He was 81. A loyal member of the Wanganui Club whose President he was in 1972. He regularly attended the meetings until two weeks before he died.

John Norman Owen who died 5th May aged 81. He was active in Christchurch and only a few days before his death wrote the following article. "The Esperanto Movement is worldwide. It consists at present of small innumerable groups, each struggling to make ends meet - too poor, almost, to afford enough ready money to advertise its existence, its aims or its whereabouts. Collectively it has vast numbers with talents to equal (possibly surpassing) any similar group in the world. Why are we hiding these talents?"

Frank Edward Coulthard - an Anglican Minister. Brutally murdered on 2nd July 1973 aged 57. The Rev. Coulthard was an active Esperantist for many years. He was a member of UEA and NZEA 1951 - 1958 and 1972 - 1973. He attended several NZEA Congresses which included 1947 (Hamilton) and 1951 - 1952 (Tauranga.) He was previously a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society. In 1953 he gained the Diploma of BEA, and in 1953 - 1954 taught Esperanto to a group in the Mt. Albert Boys' Grammar School.

Lila Wiltshire 1898 - 1973 passed away on 9th October. She was the wife of Arthur Wiltshire, the Vice Chief Delegate in NZ for UEA, and was born on Great Barrier Island on 11th July 1898. She was a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society since 1948 and was for several years its Librarian. She was also a foundation member of the International Language Society 1968. Mrs. Wiltshire with her husband attended Universal Congresses in Haarlem (1954), Warsaw (1959), and Brussels (1960).

Sir John Ilott (Patron NZEA) and Mr. A.L. Ferguson also passed away in 1973.

**THE 39th ESPERANTO CONGRESS 4 - 8 January 1974** was held at College House, Purnell Street, Wanganui with 70 registered and 20 supporting members. The evening began with Community Singing of Esperanto songs which created a happy atmosphere. Mrs. J. Wilson welcomed the gathering and introduced the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Ivan Brown and invited him to open the Congress. Mr. Brown told the Congress that 40 years ago in Whangarei, he received instruction on Esperanto from Bill King. Unfortunately he did not keep up with the study. He said that undoubtedly Esperanto is the key to understanding among nations. New Zealand was no longer isolated - we receive live telecasts from all over the world. It is desirable that the International Language be introduced into schools. After welcoming Congress members to Wanganui, he declared the Congress open.

Mr. J.T. Allan, President of NZEA, thanked the Deputy Mayor. He briefly detailed the programme and gave greetings from the Australian Esperanto Association and Dr. Borman for UEA. He also thanked the Local Congress Committee, and noted with pleasure the number of young people attending.

Miss Alison McLeod, President of EJANZ told the Congress of the success of the 5th Junior Camp, just finished, where 29 young people took part. She briefly described the activities of the Youth Section in 1973.

**GREETINGS** were received from Dr. Borman (mentioned above); Mr. H. Koppel for Australian Esperanto Association; Mr. Petro Polišćuk for Uzbeka Friendship Association, USSR; Mr. Juke Sakaeda, Tokyo; and Esperantists from Peking, China (per Mr. W.F. Rolt).

During the evening, two films were shown, provided by the Fiat Company, on the testing of their cars - the text was in Esperanto. Stefan MacGill then presented slides of his travels in Italy.

In presenting the report for the Commission for Young Peoples Affairs, Mr. A. Richardson also announced the new officers:- President, Mr. G. Absalom; Vice President, Mr. V. MacGill; Secretary, Mr. V. Williams; Treasurer, Mr. G. Wood; Editor of Junularo, Miss M. Hamlin. Others with responsibility were TEJO Affairs, Mr. S. MacGill; Camps & Congress Secretary, Mr. A. Richardson; Librarian, Miss A. McLeod. It was interesting to note that, for the first time, a Maori boy, Rod, attended the Camp just concluded.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** President, Mr. J.T. Allan; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; General Secretary, Major H.W.R. Petersen; Help Secretary, Mr. D.A. MacGill; Treasurer, Mrs M. Richardson; Information Officer, Mr. D. Pease; Education Officer, Mr. S. MacGill; Executive, Mrs. G. Sutton, Mr. M. Leon. Major Petersen advised that this would be his last year as secretary, and Mr. D. MacGill that within two years he would also have to resign as he planned to reside in Japan.

**DRAMA COMPETITION.** On the evening of 7th January, the Drama Competition was held, judged by Mr. Jim Allan, Mr. Ralph Morgan and Mr. Dennis Pease. A play was presented by the Juniors and the Wanganui Club. For the Juniors, the actors/actress were Margaret Hamlin, Stefan and Victor MacGill and Donald Bruce. The play was entitled "A Picnic on the Battlefield" a satire against war. The presentation was good, one could say professional. For Wanganui, Steve Nolan took the title role in "Don Juan" capably supported by Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Powell Rogers, Miss Homes and David Rockell. The players presented an amusing insight into the amorous deeds of flirty Don Juan. The judges awarded the Drama Shield to Wanganui.

**THE ORATORY COMPETITION** was held on 8th January and Mr. Fred Wood was asked to judge. There were 4 participants. Stefan MacGill chose the subject, "What is the aim of the Present Day Youth?" Mrs. Jeannie Wilson, "Disarmament, is that Possible?" Mr. Frank Swift asked the question, "What kind of Person is the Ideal Secretary?" and Mr. Steve Nolan recited, "The Piano Concert." It was a very successful contribution to the Congress programme. Mr. Stefan MacGill was awarded the Wally Hall Oratory Trophy.

Mr. Bill Rolt spoke of his visit to China the previous year when the group visited Universities, Schools, Kindergartens, Communes, Factories, and Hospitals. The Chinese are interested in visitors and their reaction was very friendly. While there, Mr. Rolt visited the office of "El Popola Cinio" (a monthly Esperanto magazine) and met the staff. After a very short time, the official interpreter who accompanied him to the office left saying, "It is obvious that you don't need me."



On the final night, the Cabaret and Official Closing was arranged. For this a separate hall had been hired, and food and drinks were available in between the many items which gave a festival atmosphere. The orchestra encouraged everyone to dance whether young or old.

The Official Closing was at 10pm when Mr. J.T. Allan, the President, Mrs. Jeannie Wilson for the Local Congress Committee and Mr. Graham Absalom for the Young People spoke. While this was the end of the official programme, the festivities continued until midnight.

There were 70 official members of the Congress and 20 supporting members.

**NZ INSTITUTE OF ESPERANTO.** Mr. Jim Baker, Papakura, took over the administration from Mrs. Larsen.

**THE EDUCATION OFFICER,** Mr. Stefan MacGill decided to assist with material for social evenings. He wrote 3 new plays, all with a purpose of learning a point of grammar. Also some plays written by Mr. B. Potts which have been reprinted.

**AUCKLAND.** On 9th March Auckland Esperantists went to picturesque Huia on the Manukau Harbour for their Annual Picnic. With the group was Mr. David MacGill, Pinehaven, and several members of the New Lynn Club. A full tide and a very warm day enticed a number to go for a swim. Afterwards a picnic lunch in the Karamatura Reserve, and then the more energetic explored the many tracks in the area.

On 21st March, Mr. Fred Wood spoke to more than 80 Rotarians in Papakura. Among them was Rev. G. Bell who took the church service in the Blenheim Congress. In his speech, Mr. Wood endeavoured to convince the listeners of the need for an international solution of the language problem. Those who spoke afterwards expressed surprise about Esperanto, and could not understand why it was not more vastly known. The President, Mr. Bob Jolly said after the speech, that he was convinced that Esperanto was needed in Rotary International, because in world conferences, it was not always easy to find someone who spoke English. He advised that we persuade the Universal Congress to send a request to Rotary International that they permit regular articles in the magazine "Rotary" either in or about Esperanto.

The Regional Meeting occurred 14 - 15 September with 40 attending. Visitors came from Rotorua, Te Awamutu, Hamilton and Whangarei. Best wishes were received from Christchurch Esperanto Society, Miss Pollock and Major Petersen (Wellington), Mrs. Dobson (Napier), Mrs. Olsen (Masterton), Mrs. McAvinue (Palmerston North), Mr. Williams (Rotorua), Mr. Clarkson (Tauranga), Mr. Sunde (Oratia), Mrs. Dodds (Hatfields Beach), and from Auckland Miss Stephens, Miss Espiner, Mr. & Mrs. Wootton, Mr. McNamara, Mrs. Baker and Mr. K. Fowler.

Besides the usual programmes, we were given a demonstration of Acupuncture by Ivan Pivac who used Mr. Fred Wood as the pincushion. On Sunday the group met in the home of Fred and Audrey Wood, and after lunch an excursion around Auckland was arranged.

The Annual Meeting of the Auckland Esperanto Society elected the following:-  
Patron, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson; President, Mr. F.E. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. A.G. Wood; Secretary, Mr. F.S. Hume; Treasurer, Mr. J.K.D. Baker; Asst. Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Book Dept. Manager, Mrs. E. Lymburn; Publicity Officer, Mrs. M. Hobbs; Auditor, Mr. D.J. Voisey; Committee, Miss S. Hill, Mrs. G. Davis and Mr. S.M. Nelson.

**DUNEDIN.** The centre point of the "Display of Nations" during Festival Week (26 Jan. to 3 Feb.) was a striking Esperanto exhibit which achieved very favourable publicity in the "Evening Star." A huge illuminated map featuring all the countries of the world where Esperanto is spoken overshadowed the neighbouring Italian, Japanese, Swedish and Dutch exhibits. Full credit to Mr. Frank Van Dessel who was responsible for most of the work.

The NZEA Book Department provided a good selection of books for display in the Public Library.

**WAINUIOMATA** was a new Club and elected Mr. C. van Vliet as President; Mr. G.D. Raynor, Secretary; Mrs. L. Strang, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Linton, Committee member. The Club meets at Wainuiomata College.

**IN WELLINGTON** the elected officers were President, Mr. Nelson Hill; Major H.W.R. Petersen, Vice President; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Miss E. Williams, and Mr. M. Copp.

**ROTARY.** Mr. E.A. Hornblow reported that in July, he was guest speaker at the Rotary Club in Taihape. His subject was, of course, on Esperanto.

**UNIVERSAL CONGRESS:** The 59th Universal Esperanto Congress was held in Hamburg, Germany. Mr. J. Major was the NZEA Delegate and carried greetings also from the Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Minister of Tourism and Leader of the Opposition.

**SCHOOLS.** The first official In-service Course for Esperanto teachers was held in Rosmore House, Wellington, from 7th to 10th October. The Course was primarily for existing teachers of Esperanto who were to institute a modest pilot scheme in their schools in 1975. The Course was the culmination of long negotiations with the Minister of Education and senior officers of the Department, conducted by Prof. Adcock and Mr. F. Fleming. Five teachers attended the Course. Mr. S. Caddick (Hawera), Mrs P.Cain, a graduate student specializing in modern languages, Mr. S. Watson (Hawkes Bay) Mrs. G. Sutton, and Mr. W. O'Connor. The Education Department was represented by Mr. D. Welch of Curriculum Development. Mr. Miles of Visual Aids informed Course members of the varied and increasing range of technical aids available.

The Course members, realising the importance of uniformity of conditions for the research to be conducted with the classes, recommended that 100 minutes per week be approved, and that the most desirable time allocation would be 20 minutes per day. The research programme was in the care of Prof. Adcock who would measure progress in Esperanto each term. He said afterwards that the Course represented to him the realisation of a wish he had held for half of his life. Certainly the Course and experimental classes were the most important progress which NZAET had ever made. The first step which happened before the existence of NZAET was in 1961 when permission was first granted that Esperanto be officially taught in our schools.

**NZEA SCHOOLS EXAMINATION RESULTS.** 37 Primary and 4 Secondary School entries were received from 4 schools. Two of the Secondary School entries passed with merit and were prize winners. They were Craig Smith-Pilling (Wanganui High), Brian Annear (Wanganui Boys' College). Other prize winners were Hayley Bell (Rutherford Intermediate), Susan Barkman (Rutherford Intermediate), Deborah Leung (Evans Bay Intermediate), Diana Jewell (Rutherford Intermediate).

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** Only 2 candidates entered the examination. Both were successful. Mrs. Margaret Bailey (merit) Feilding, and Mr. R. Garth Cullen, Te Awamutu. As both had been learning for more than one year, they were not entitled to receive the Yvon Canty prize.

**TWO OVERSEAS VISITORS** were Asborn and Tamiko Nielson, Norway, although Tamiko was originally from Japan. They arrived in Auckland and were the guests of Audrey and Fred Wood, and then made an extensive tour of both North and South Islands where they visited as many esperantists as possible. Tamiko, although unable to speak English, gave as many interviews as possible with the press in order to promote Esperanto.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** In the year to 30th September had sales of \$1146.15, and the stock held, valued at \$2694.04.

**OFFICE OF GENERAL SECRETARY.** Although Major Petersen had intended to continue to the end of the year, he found that he was unable to keep this commitment and resigned in May. Mr. M. Leon agreed to take over this office but only until the end of the year. Major Petersen was elected to the Executive.

**SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS** held by NZEA as at 30th September 1974: Scholarship Fund \$72.49; Clubs \$231.69; Scholarship \$128.00; School visitors \$4.00; Capital (loans) \$2150.00; Congress \$254.37; Yvon Canty Prize \$44.11; W.H. King Memorial Foundation \$420.53; M.L. McNamara \$28.00; F. Swift EJANZ Prize \$70.00.

**OBITUARIES.** Arthur George Wiltshire DBEA passed away suddenly on 31 August in his 83rd year, (10 months after his wife Lila.) Mr. Wiltshire began studying Esperanto at Masterton Esperanto Club under the instruction of Mr. Bill King and remained active ever since. He attended Universal Congresses in Haarlem (1954), Warsaw (1959), and Brussels (1960). In Warsaw he was the official representative for New Zealand. He had been President of the Auckland Esperanto Society and Treasurer of NZEA for several years. In 1955 he became Vice Delegate for UEA in Auckland and Vice Chief Delegate of UEA in 1964, a position he held until his death. In 1973 he was granted Life Membership of the Auckland Esperanto Society. One of his outstanding achievements was when he travelled around New Zealand collecting money for the £500 required to establish a New Zealand room in the Universal Esperanto Association Headquarters in Rotterdam. No mean achievement in those times when many considered it would be impossible.

Dr. Phillip Maxwell Allingham passed away 12th September in Wellington. He was a member of the Wellington Club and NZEA. During a voyage overseas, he used Esperanto while in Europe.

## 1975

**THE 40th NZEA CONGRESS** was held in the Te Kaihanga Hostel, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, January 4 - 8. A total of 88 registered with 14 Supporters.

The Opening Session commenced with the singing of "God Defend New Zealand" followed by "La Espero." Mrs. L. Bruce welcomed the members, especially the visitors from overseas. Miss I. Gale (Australia), Mrs. M. Proctor (England) and Mr. A. Masuhr (Germany). She introduced Mr. Allan Dingwall, National President of WEA who was invited to open the Congress. Mr. Dingwall suggested that the Association study the reasons why people learn Esperanto, study teaching methods and consider a new direction for the movement. He offered the help and co-operation of WEA with this aim.

The President of NZEA, Mr. J.T. Allan thanked Mr. Dingwall for this thought provoking speech. He spoke of the progress of the International Movement in the past year, and recommended a serious enquiry into the reasons why people who have learnt Esperanto cease to continue in the local groups. Mr. G. Absalom, President of the Junior Movement followed, and suggested that we try to penetrate into junior groups such as the Scouts, Guides, Boys' and Girls' Brigades etc.

**THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION** followed: President, Mr. J.T. Allan; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; General Secretary, Mr. D. Raynor; Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. A. MacGill; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Richardson; Information Officer, Mr. D. Rockell; Education Officer, Mr. S. MacGill; Executive, Major H.W.R. Petersen and Miss A. Pollock.

**THE ORATORY TROPHY** was contested by Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. S. MacGill and Mr. F. Swift. The judges, Mrs. Proctor and Prof. Adcock awarded the 3rd place to Mr. F. Swift, 2nd to Mrs. J. Wilson and the Wally Hall Trophy to Mr. Stefan MacGill.

**DRAMA SHIELD.** Christchurch Esperanto Society won the Drama Shield for their presentation of "La Diamanta Ringo," written by Miss Enid Ockenden. For several years she taught Esperanto to a group at Mount Pleasant, Christchurch.

**CABARET AND DANCING** occupied the last evening. The many items presented were of high quality and were much appreciated by the audience. The festivities were interrupted by the Official Closing of the Congress, when Mr. Allan, President of NZEA, thanked those who took part and invited everyone to meet again in Wellington for the 41st Congress. Mrs. Bruce also thanked everyone, and especially the local committee, and all who helped to make the Congress such a success.

It had previously been announced that Mr. Ralph Dearnley was shortly to be married, so the gathering wished him all the best for the future and gave a card signed by all the Congress members. The festivities continued until midnight, and ended with the singing of "Now is the Hour" and "Auld Lang Syne." The profit from the Congress was \$206.30.

**WELLINGTON CLUB:** On 26th February, welcomed overseas visitors. Mr. Yi Chae Hyon, author of the Korean Esperanto Dictionary and Mr. & Mrs. Hammock, USA. In the Rondo they welcomed Mr. Hajpin Li from Seoul, South Korea. Mr. Li, a retired Major of the South Korean Army and the chief compiler of the first Korea - Esperanto Dictionary. He spoke of the early Esperanto Movement, and the present, which was very active, particularly among students. Mr. Li planned to spend about 6 months in New Zealand and visit other clubs if possible.

The Club decided to send Greetings and Good Wishes to Mrs. Yvon Canty on the occasion of her 80th Birthday on Tuesday 18th March 1975.

Following **THE WOMEN'S CONVENTION** in Wellington 13 - 15 June, reports were printed in the "Evening Post" and "Dominion" about the Esperanto delegate at the Convention. Because of this, the local Radio Station contacted Mrs. Joyce Hill and asked for an interview. This was broadcast at 9.30am on 23 June when she had a 12 minute interview by Mr. Latham of that station.

On 28th November on **NATIONAL RADIO**, Joe Cote interviewed Mr. Nelson Hill on "Morning Report." In the few minutes available, Nelson was able to clarify the significance, utility and aims of Esperanto. On the same day the festivities of the "Women of Wellington" were held in the



Town Hall. An exhibition of Esperanto material was arranged by Mrs. Joyce Hill which created a lot of attention. The Esperanto Bible and the Esperanto translation of "Winnie, the Pooh" attracted most interest. Dr. Doris Schmidt, a teacher from Switzerland who visited New Zealand and was a guest in a number of places in New Zealand, was interviewed by Doreen on Station 2ZB when she mentioned how Esperanto had helped her during her travels.

Mr. Fettes, Ireland attended the Rondo meeting on 13th November.

**OVERSEAS TRIP.** On 20th March, Mrs. Rita Aagaard with her husband left New Zealand for a tour in which they planned to be away about a year travelling through Europe which was to include a visit to Poland and the Soviet Union.

**WANGANUI CLUB** held a Regional Weekend 14 - 16 May and esperantists from Rotorua, New Plymouth, Masterton, Wellington and of course Wanganui attended. Mr. Bill Aldridge gave an interesting Language Session. Other items were discussions, crossword, visit to the Museum.

**MASTERTON.** On Zamenhof Evening, 3rd December, Stefan and David MacGill from Wellington attended. Before the meeting commenced, a photographer from "Timesage" took a group photo which was later published in that paper together with a short article.

**BEA ELEMENTARY EXAMINATION.** Mrs. G. Sutton succeeded in this examination with merit.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAM. RESULTS FOR 1975** was won by Mrs. C. Mathewson with merit who was given the Yvon Canty Book Prize. Other successes were Mr. C. Kiwi, Auckland (merit), and from Dunedin, Miss J. Campbell (Merit), Miss E. Reid (Merit), Miss L. Allen and Miss P. Holmes.

**NZEA ESSAY COMPETITION.** This competition was arranged for juniors. The prize was financial assistance to attend the 1st Pacific Esperanto Congress, Melbourne, 4 -10 January 1976. The prize was awarded to Miss Judith Campbell, the value of the prize \$140.00.

**SCHOOL EXPERIMENTAL CLASSES.** There were 8 classes in 5 schools with a total of 280 pupils. The Department of Education arranged to print appropriate material for teachers and pupils. The prizewinners were Karen Graham (Evans Bay Intermediate), Jeanette Sturt (Havelock North), and Joanna Blumski (Ferguson Intermediate).

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** Mr. E.R. Parsons, Te Awamutu, after three and a half years as Manager of the Book Department asked to be relieved of this office as pressure of his own business prevented him devoting the time necessary to maintain efficiency. The managership was taken over by Mr. C.H. Brown and Mrs. L. Bruce, Christchurch. Mr. Parsons was thanked for the service he had rendered for esperantists throughout New Zealand.

**NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.** For many years NZEA has subscribed to a news clipping service which has provided clippings from all NZ newspapers and magazines which contain any reference to Esperanto, articles, letters to the Editor, Congress reports etc. The value of this information is obvious.

In December, NZEA was advised of the drastic increase in the charge: the fee was now six times that which we were previously paying. With regret, therefore, it was been decided that the news clipping service was a luxury which could no longer be afforded and it has been cancelled.

However, it was still most important to know to what extent Esperanto is being mentioned in the Press. All members were asked to undertake this task for the Association. To clip out any reference to Esperanto from your local paper and mail them (once a month would be ideal) to the Publicity Officer, NZEA, P.O. Box 330, Wellington.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS.** Mr. & Mrs. John Stitz (USA) who were on their way to the 1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne and later on, to Europe.

**OBITUARIES:** Mr. W.J. Beresford, longstanding member of NZEA and the Masterton Club died on 6th April 1975. In December 1974, he was made a Life Member of the Masterton Club for his many years of association which began in 1939.

Mr. Frank Seddon Hume passed away on 1st July. He was a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society before the Second World War, and after military service, rejoined in 1960 and remained active until his death. Over the years, he had been President, secretary, teacher, librarian and treasurer. He attended many NZEA Congresses where he showed his acting ability in a number

of plays which the Auckland Society presented. He was for 4 years before his death, secretary of the International Society, Auckland. He was preparing to attend one of these meetings when he collapsed and died.

Mr. R.J.(Bob) Clarkson passed away on 11th March 1975. Only a few days previously, the Editor of "NZE" received the following letter from Bob, probably the last he wrote. It was written in Esperanto but would not be genuine if translated.

Melrose Home, Tauranga.

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"Kara Pete,

Nur kelkaj linioj por saluti vin el la kvinstela hotelo, kiel oni nomis ĝin, "Melrose Home" kie mi estas enloĝanto kaj estos ĝis venos la fina voko.

Bedaŭrinde mi devis forlasi la malnovan hejmon kie mi loĝis dum kvardek jaroj, sed pro mia aĝo kaj la necerto de mia sanstato, mi estis devigita fari la ŝanĝon. Depost la komenciĝo de la jaro nuna, mi estas havintaj kelkajn malfacilajn periodojn, sed pro la bonega atento kaj zorgo de la estrino kaj flegistinoj mi povis elteni ĝis resaniĝo. Mia sanstato iom pliboniĝis dum la pasintaj du-tri semajnoj kaj la korpopezo iom pli peziĝis post la maldikiĝo fine en la monato januaro. Tamen, mi ne deziras fanfaroni pri tio sed simple uzi prudenton kaj fari ĉion laŭ la koncilo de mia kuracisto. Alvenis hodiaŭ la unua numero de nia gazeto por 1975 kaj mi gratulas pro bone prezentita kaj tre leginda periodaĵo.

Dankon pro tio, ke vi aperigis mian adresŝanĝon, eble ankaŭ mi devas danki S-ron Leon. Mi ĝojas scii, ke la kongreso estis granda sukceso, ankaŭ ke vi ankoraŭ estas nia bonega redaktoro. Mi esperas, ke vi okupos tiun oficon dum longa tempo. Mi bedaŭras, ke mi ne povas aktive partopreni la movadon, sed mi feliĉas en la scio, ke en urbego Tauranga okazis du Kongresoj de la NZEA: 1951, 1961, ĉu ne? Kompreneble mi ĉiam retenos la intereson en la Internacia Lingvo, ne nur kiel membro de NZEA sed per miaj esperantaj amikoj eksterlandaj kun kiuj mi jam korespondis dum multaj jaroj.

Mi tre ĝojis ricevi vizitojn de kelkaj samideanoj: Ges-roj Wood, S-ro Ian Jones, Ges-roj D. Lea, D-ro Hamvai kaj Ges-roj N. Hill, kiam mi hospitaliĝis frue en januaro.

Mi sendas bondezirojn al la nova estraro de NZEA. Ankaŭ al Ralph Dearnley pro lia baldaŭa edziĝo. Nun mi finas la skribon kaj deziras al vi, Pete, sukceson kaj kontenton dum 1975.

Via amiko,

Bob" (R.J. Clarkson)

Enclosed is an extract from a short reply by Pete:-

"I thank you for your words and I thank you for your many years of dedication to the ideals of Esperanto, and I wish you happiness, good health and a peaceful stay in the Rest Home. You are still with us in spirit if not in person."

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**THE 41st NZEA CONGRESS** was held in the YWCA, 355 Willis Street, Wellington, from 1st to 3rd January. This was a shorter Congress than usual owing to the fact that the 1st Pacific Congress was being held in Melbourne from 4th to 10th January and a number of New Zealand members planned to attend that Congress. 42 registered with 8 supporting members for the NZ Congress.

At the Opening, the President, Mr. J.T. Allan, after a short address, invited Mr. Eizo Ito, Director of Oomoto (Kameoka Japan) to open the Congress. That task, the highly regarded guest, undertook with pleasure. Mr. David Rockell, Vice President of KAJ followed and spoke of the special problems of the Esperanto Juniors. Mr. C. Fettes (Ireland), Capt. Millson, Mr. J. Carlton and Mrs. J. Dinnel (USA) gave greetings in the name of their respective groups. After the Opening, Mr. Fettes spoke of his visits to Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Germany. This he illustrated with colour slides. Mrs. Eva Major recited the poem "Al la Juda Foririnto" by L.C. Deij. Mr. Ito clarified the three aims and principles of Oomoto - One God, One World, One Unifying Language.

On the second day, reporters from the "Evening Post" and TV2 arrived for interviews. In the evening were two film presentations, (1) New Zealand and (2) An International Festival in Kameoka.

The number attending this Congress was less than usual as 29 New Zealanders had decided to attend the 1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** President, Mr. J.T. Allan; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; General Secretary, Mr. F.D. Raynor; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Wansbrough; Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. Rockell;

Committee, Mrs. M. Richardson, Major Petersen; Information Officer, Mr. D. Rockell; Circulation Officer, Mrs. N. Montgomery; Auditor, Mr. P. Carver.

**1st PACIFIC CONGRESS**, Melbourne, Australia, in January attracted 242 Supporters. Those who attended were from, Victoria (58), Queensland (32), New Zealand (29), New South Wales (27), Japan (9), Tasmania (8), Western Australia (7), USA (7), South Australia (4), and one each from Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Canada, Sweden, ACT. and Northern Territory. The success of this Congress was through the efforts of Mr. Herbert Koppel and his wife Fay. It was decided to try to arrange a Pacific Congress every four years and Mr. H. Koppel, Mrs Y. Issobe and Mr. F.E. Wood were appointed the committee to investigate this.

**CLUBS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE FOR 1976. AUCKLAND** - President, Mr F. E. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. A.G. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. G.P. Davis; Assist. Secretary, Mr. I.V. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. J.K.D. Baker; Book Dept., Mrs. E. Lymburn; Committee Members, Mrs. M. Hobbs, Mr. S.M. Nelson, Mr. L.A.J. McAuley, Miss S.F. Hill and Mrs. B. Kaplan. On Saturday, 21st February, The Auckland Society arranged a picnic at Hatfields Beach where we met in the home of Mrs. Moira Dodds who supplied the group with refreshments. The beach was close by, so quite a number enjoyed a swim.

**WELLINGTON.** President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Vice President, Mr. D. Blakeborough; Secretary, Mrs. J. Hill; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Mrs. J. Blakeborough, Mrs. N. Hansen, Mr. N. Colquhoun and Mr. N. Hill.

On 13th December, Mr. Nelson Hill was unanimously elected an Honorary Life Member of the Wellington Club for his many years of dedication, work and loyalty to the Wellington Club and the Movement.

**THE CHRISTCHURCH ESPERANTO SOCIETY** donated Esperanto books to the value of \$62.00 to the Public Library in Christchurch and paid the postage for books donated by the Book Department to be sent to India.

**MR. STEFAN MACGILL** left New Zealand to work in the UEA office in Rotterdam as a volunteer for a year. While it was regretted that New Zealand was to lose one of its most energetic workers for Esperanto, particularly in the Junior Movement, he left with the blessing of all who wished him well for the future.

**TOURIST BROCHURE.** NZEA obtained 500 copies of a multicoloured "project sheet" (32cm x 64cm) from the Tourist and Publicity Department. The sheet consisted of 30 coloured photographs displaying every facet of New Zealand life and scenery. The accompanying captions for each photo was translated into Esperanto and duplicated on both sides of a foolscap-sized page. Together the sheet and captions made an ideal gift for correspondents, or a method of answering questions about New Zealand.

NZEA supplied copies at 1c per sheet plus captions at 10c making a total cost of 11c. Five sheets cost 15c and 20 sheets 35c.!

**A REPORT IN THE "NZE" NO.388, 3-1976** deserves a place in our history. It was discovered by Sister Julian that a niece of Edmund Privat lived in New Zealand and at that time was a patient in St. John of God Hospital, Halswell, Christchurch. The lineal was that Marius Puechegud, a medical student, had a daughter, Gabriel, who married Edmund Privat. Gabriel had eight brothers and the eldest whose name was Charles Henri Deziree Palmerston Puechegud, emigrated to New Zealand where he married. The patient at the hospital was his daughter, Marie Gabrielle Heloise. She claimed to have in her home cards from Privat, and if the patient was ever able to return home, Mr. Brown was going to try to see some of these cards, if at all possible.

**61st UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS.** Mrs. Joyce Hill, (Honorary Life Member of NZEA) was the official representative of NZEA at the Congress in Athens, Greece. She gave greetings from the Prime Minister Mr. (later Sir) Robert Muldoon. Mr. & Mrs. Hill returned to Wellington on 8th November, and two days later reported to the Wellington Rondo about their experiences on their travels in 15 countries.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS:** Dr. Doris Schmidt (Switzerland), who was the guest of several families while in New Zealand. Miss Amy Nillson (Sweden) visited Auckland after the 1st Pacific Congress and was the guest of Mr. & Mrs Wood while in Auckland. She also travelled around New Zealand. Mr. Jack Hawkes of Perth, Australia came to New Zealand following the 1st Pacific Congress.



**BEA EXAMINATIONS.** Mr. Des Langman reported the new formula:

All written examinations by correspondence. Reference to books allowed; consequently the standard of attainment is higher than one would expect. Candidates must obtain at least 45% of the total marks, 60% for credit and 75% for distinction.

**Elementary Examination \$4.00.**

1. Esperanto text for translation into English.
2. Summary in English of an Esperanto text.
3. English text for translation into Esperanto.
4. Composition of at least 300 words in Esperanto on a given subject.

Papers with answers to be returned to the Examiner within one month of receipt.

**Intermediate Examination \$6.00.**

- 1 & 2 Esperanto texts for translation into English.
3. Summary in Esperanto of an Esperanto text.
4. Subjects for original essay in Esperanto of 400 - 500 words.
5. Translation from English into Esperanto of a selected text.

Papers with answers to be returned to the Examiner within one month of receipt.

**Advanced Exam (written part) Fee \$8.00.**

**First Part: Comprehension of Esperanto text.**

Four sections of questions on points of grammar, syntax, word-usage and style, and a resumé of the story.

**Second Part: Translation.**

Translation of two Esperanto texts into English.

Translation into Esperanto of a difficult prose passage and a semi-technical text.

**Third Part: Composition.**

Subjects for original essay in Esperanto of 500 words. (to be returned in 2 months).

**Advanced Exam (Oral Part) Fee \$4.00.**

May be taken anytime before or after the written part. It must be conducted by a special examiner.

1. Conversation on everyday topic with Examiner 10 - 15 minutes.
2. Reading a short story in Esperanto and, after assimilating, repeating the subject matter in Esperanto in one's own words.
3. Reading aloud with correct pronunciation a prose passage in Esperanto and translating at sight.

In order to pass, the candidate must obtain 75% of marks. There is no credit or distinction, but credit or distinction in the written part implies such in the Diploma Award.

**DIPLOMA.** To obtain the Diploma, the candidate must pass both the Written and Oral Parts of the Advanced Examination. Students may enter without having obtained any other certificate.

**BEA SUCCESSES:** (Elementary) Anthony Lovatt (merit), Robert Davidson (merit) both of Christchurch and Mrs. S. Squires, Wellington; Mr. Nicholas Chin Shen Kong, University of Canterbury who came from Saravako, East Malaysia where hopefully after returning home, would start the first Esperanto Club in that country.

Intermediate Exam successes: Mr. C. Huygens (Hons), Nelson and Mr. H. Larsen (Hons).

**THE JUNIOR SECTION (KAJ).** The then Rules relating to the Junior Section of NZEA are set out below: (Refer NZE No.388, 1976).

- a. EJANZ comprises those members of NZEA under 26 years of age.
- b. EJANZ has at its disposal finances provided by NZEA and private individuals.
- c. All members of NZEA, young and old alike, receive the magazine "Nov-Zelanda Esperantisto".  
Members under 26 also receive "Junularo."
- d. KAJ is the sub-committee elected by members of NZEA under 26 to deal with youth affairs.

The separate youth organisation Ejanz became part of NZEA in 1972, but the relationship was not defined in the NZEA Statute. Instead, an existing rule was adapted to cover the newly acquired young members and provides for a 'commission' elected by those members of NZEA under 26 to deal specifically with youth affairs - KAJ (Commission about Youth Affairs). Young members were allowed to use the name Ejanz to identify themselves as the youth section of NZEA. i.e. those members under 26. The youth section has separate finances at its disposal. These are:-

- a. 73% subscriptions paid to NZEA by members under 26.
- b. Supporting members' subscriptions paid to NZEA by those who specifically support the work of the youth section.

- c. Profits from projects undertaken by the youth section.
- d. Donations from people who wish to specifically support the work of the youth section.

All members of NZEA receive the official magazine "Nov-Zelanda Esperantisto" - in addition all members under 26 and supporting members of the youth section receive the magazine "Junularo". Due to careful management of "Junularo" and generous donations, the youth section then found itself in a healthy financial situation which made it possible to undertake the project of publishing "Junularo" fortnightly.

President, Judy Campbell; Vice President, Linda Allan; Secretary/Treasurer, Vere Williams.

**WEDDING BELLS.** Mr. Donald Bruce, Junior Delegate for UEA and Marion (Mandy) Ross, a beginner at the Christchurch Club were married on 4th September.

**ON NATIONAL RADIO.** On a school programme on 22nd November, National Radio Wellington, broadcast a 5 minute talk on the origin and aims of Esperanto.

**NZEA BOOK DEPT** now has a second hand books section, and stocks were increasing rapidly.

**USED STAMPS.** Mrs. S.M. Frizzell, Rangiora, reported that she sent 44,500 stamps to UEA with another package ready to post. She thanked contributors for their help. Sales of used stamps made a significant contribution to the finances of UEA.

**OBITUARIES.** Miss E. Reid, Dunedin died on 22nd February 1976. She was for many years secretary of the Dunedin Club and regularly sent in reports for publication in the NZ Esperantist.

Mr. S.M. Nelson, Hamilton, previously of Auckland, died as a result of a motor car accident. He was a member of the Auckland Club for several years.

## 1977

**THE 42ND NZEA CONGRESS** was held in Grafton Hall, Seafield View Road, Auckland from 4th to 8th January 1977. The Opening was held in the afternoon when Mr. F.E. Wood, President of the local committee, welcomed the members. His speech was in Esperanto, but translations were given to visitors. He spoke of the suitability of Esperanto for intercommunication of different nationalities. He then introduced Mr. Richard Prebble, MP for Central Auckland. Mr. Prebble mentioned several instances of language problems from his own experience, which underlined the need for an international language. He then declared the Congress Open.

Mr. J.T. Allan, President of NZEA, thanked Mr. Prebble and agreed with his sentiments about the need for a better means of communication among the different language groups.

Miss Judy Campbell, President of KAJ, reported about the Junior Movement and greeted the Congress in the name of her members.

**THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY** in the evening began with the singing of "La Espero." Mr. J.T. Allan presided, and welcomed the Australian visitors. Mr. & Mrs. Hodson (Brisbane), Mr. A. Cocking (Sydney), Miss Isobel Gale, Mrs. R. Rathjens and Mr. & Mrs. Koppel, Melbourne.

**THE PRESIDENT** reported that the members of the 1st Pacific Congress which occurred in Melbourne in January 1976, elected a committee with the aim of arranging the 2nd Pacific Congress in 1980. The members were Mrs. Y. Issobe (Japan), Mr. H. Koppel (Australia) and Mr. F.E. Wood (New Zealand) who was appointed secretary. Mr. Wood reported that he had written to about 50 clubs or individuals in countries around the Pacific seeking suitable places for this to be held, and it seemed most likely that San Francisco would be elected.

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS** presented during the Congress included Mr. Allan - Slides of the 1st Pacific Congress; Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Slides of her trip through Europe; Mr. W. Aldridge spoke of the art of Translation; Mrs. Fay Koppel spoke about the Australian poet, L.N. Newell; Mr. H. Koppel recited poems of Raymond Schwartz, while Prof. Adcock presented poems of Julio Baghy. Dr J. Hamvai spoke on "Esperanto as an Important Part in Modern Life." He also spoke about the second book which he had translated, "The Unknown Person" by Gardonyi.

**THE DRAMA COMPETITION** was won by the Auckland Esperanto Society with the presentation of "The Treasure." Afterwards the new Esperanto film, "The New Zealanders" was shown.

**FOR THE EXCURSION** a full bus plus a few cars travelled over the harbour bridge to the Satellite Station at Warkworth, and then on to Wenderholm for a picnic lunch and a swim for those who so wished. On the way home, a visit to a Greenstone factory and the Museum of Technology made a very full and interesting day.

**THE BANQUET** on the last evening was worthy of royalty and began with a toast to the Queen. Prof. Adcock proposed a toast to the Movement to which Mr. Allan replied. Mr. Allan proposed a toast to the visitors, and the Australian visitors replied in song written by Mrs. Koppel to the tune of Waltzing Matilda. Mr. G.D. Raynor proposed a toast to the local congress committee to which Mr. F.E. Wood replied. As Mr. David MacGill was later in the year going to live in Japan, Mr. Allan used the occasion to thank him for the work he had done for the Movement for the past 30 years, and proposed a toast for best wishes for the future. In reply, David said that he owed a debt of gratitude to all esperantists who had made his tasks so enjoyable.

It was reported later that this was one of the most enjoyable Congresses to date. Altogether 97 registered, a few below the number who attended the last Auckland Congress in 1971 but a record profit of \$872.56 was shown which was the cause of some criticism. However, the money was available for the future benefit of the Movement.

**DAVID MACGILL** who left New Zealand for Japan on 15th July had given long and valuable service to Esperanto. He first learnt the language in 1938 when he was at the Auckland University. He belonged to the Auckland Esperanto Society and took part in all its activities. He helped his mother to form a choir. "Daĉjo moved to Wellington in 1941 and immediately took part in the activities of the clubs and NZEA. He edited the "Bulteno" in 1960 - 61 and regularly attended the Rondo often providing the programme. He attended clubs in the Hutt Valley and taught a class in the Public Works Camp at Haywards, and for a number of years was the main teacher of the Trentham Club. In 1943 he was a member of the Drama Committee and from 1951 - 53 was the Manager of the Book Department. From 1953 - 74 he was the Education Officer. These are but a few of his activities for Esperanto which he performed, and while his services will be sadly missed in New Zealand, he no doubt will continue his activities in Japan."

**MRS OLGA HAMVAI** celebrated her 80th Birthday on 2nd August. Mrs. Hamvai, an Estonian from Tallin, married Dr. John Hamvai in 1933 in Budapest. They met at a Universal Esperanto Congress. Their marriage was one of the first conducted in Esperanto made necessary because of the two nationalities. After the war, they emigrated to New Zealand through the help of Esperanto. Mrs. H. Harris who at that time lived in Auckland and was a very active member of the Auckland Esperanto Society was instrumental in arranging this. In 1960 - 61, Dr. & Mrs. Hamvai made a year's speaking tour through 12 countries and 102 towns in Europe which was arranged by the Universal Esperanto Association.

**PUBLICITY.** As the Congress had recommended that an advertisement be placed in some periodical about Esperanto, the Executive decided to place an advertisement in the 29th August edition of the "N.Z. Women's Weekly." The cost of this was \$82.08 from which NZEA received 23 replies, and 22 were received by the Institute. The Executive decided to advertise 3 times in 1978 - 30th January, 6th & 13th February.

On 17th February quite a long article appeared in the "Evening Post" following an interview with Mrs. Joe Squire, secretary of the Wellington Club. The title, "Esperanto, Alive and Growing."

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** Early in 1977, Mr. C.H. Brown was, because of ill health, forced to give notice that he would be unable to continue as Manager of the Book Department. He relinquished the position to take effect on 30th June, and from 1st July, Major H.W.R. Petersen assumed full responsibility. Many thanks and Good Wishes were expressed to Luĉia Bruce (Bronĉjo Brown's assistant) and to Bronĉjo Brown.

**THE AUCKLAND ESPERANTO SOCIETY** elected the following officers for 1977: Patroness, Mrs. Y.M. Canty; Patron, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson; President, Mrs. A.G. Wood; Vice President, Mr. F.E. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Minute Secretary, Mr. I.V. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. J.K.D. Baker; Committee, Miss S.F. Hill, Mrs. S. Thompson, Mrs. G.P. Davis, Mrs. M. Hobbs and Mr. H. Sweney. Book Department, Mrs. E. Lymburn.

**WELLINGTON CLUB.** At their Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for 1977: President, Mr. D. Rockell; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mrs. D. Gaiger; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Miss A. Moffatt, Prof. C.J. Adcock, Mr. J. Moriarty and Mr. R. Davis.



**NZ INSTITUTE OF ESPERANTO.** In November, Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood accepted the responsibility to act as Directors of the Institute. The previous Director, Mr. Baker, had, because of pressure of other commitments, been unable to continue this work, and had for some time been trying to be relieved of this office. Although somewhat already over committed, Mr. & Mrs. Wood accepted office to try to ensure that the Correspondence Courses would continue. However, they made it clear that this was only a temporary acceptance until someone else could be found.

**BEA EXAMINATION SUCCESSES:** Mr. J. Boulton (Merit) Cromwell; Mr. F.A.S. Adams (Hons), Masterton; and Mrs. M. Wansbrough (Hons), Elementary; Mrs. G.M. Sutton (Merit) Upper Hutt; Miss J. Larsen (Hons) Christchurch, both Intermediate.

**D.B.E.A.** Congratulations to Mr. W. Aldridge for gaining his Diploma with distinction.

**FINANCIAL FOUNDATION.** In 1971, NZEA set up a financial foundation. Members were invited to lend money, interest free, to the Association in multiples of \$10 for a period of 6 years. The capital was legally invested, and the interest, which is a valuable source of income, was devoted to (a) General financial support of the Association; (b) Assisting in financing special publications; (c) Assistance to the Institute of Esperanto.

Contributors receive their money back in full, on demand, at the end of 6 years.

The loans of the original contributors were now falling due and all concerned were recently circularised as to their wishes. Some elected repayment of their contributions, and to those we extend our thanks for their assistance over the last six years. Others who felt they were able to continue or even increase their support, to them NZEA was really grateful.

**FINANCIAL.** The end of year (30 September) finances of the Association showed a profit of \$930.98 (the \$872.56 profit on 42nd Congress made this possible.) The main reserve funds held by NZEA were:- Investment A/c. \$6,500; Congress A/c. \$370.00; Pacific Congress \$660.00; Clubs \$235.00; Capital (loans) \$1400.00; Y.M. Canty prize \$45.00; M.L. McNamara \$28.00; F. Swift (Ejanz) \$132.00; Ejanz \$600.00.

Subscriptions from 1st October 1977; Adults \$6.00; Married Couples \$10.00; Juniors \$3.00; Life Membership \$120.00.

**WEDDING BELLS.** Congratulations to two Whangarei Esperantists, John Walton and Margaret King who were married on 2nd April 1977.

**POSTAGE STAMPS.** Mrs. Frizzell sent 39,180 used stamps to UEA, a great effort!

**W.H. KING CULTURAL FOUNDATION.** The profit from the "History of Esperanto in New Zealand" \$ 294.53 formed the basis for the financial part of the Foundation. Donations were forthcoming and by 1974, the fund totalled \$420.00. The aim was cultural so NZEA decided that there be a competition for the best translation of original prose of a New Zealand author. Prize \$100.00. This was an on going Competition.

**OBITUARIES.** Miss E.E. Stephens OBE (Betty) passed away on 13th July. For many years Miss Stephens was prominent in teaching circles in New Zealand. She was Headmistress of a Girls' College, Inspector, Registrar at the University in New Zealand, member of the NZ Commission for UNESCO, and member of other associations in relation to the welfare of education. In 1959, she received the OBE. After her retirement, Miss Stephens became interested in Esperanto, was a teacher in the Auckland Esperanto Society, a tutor for the Correspondence Courses and made valuable contributions at several Congresses.

Mrs. Dulcie Moore passed away on 28th December. She was a faithful member of the Masterton Esperanto Club from when it was resurrected in 1965, and despite sickness and pain over a number of years, she continued to attend the Club and taught the beginners. She was also the Club secretary, duties which she performed very efficiently.

## 1978

**THE 43rd CONGRESS OF NZEA** was held from 17th to 23rd January 1978 in Massey University, Palmerston North. 53 registered with 6 supporting members.

Mr. R. Morgan welcomed the Congress and introduced Mr. John Lithgow, Member of Parliament for Palmerston North who gave accounts of problems he had experienced at international conferences because of the diversification of tongues. He reminded the members that 1978 was named the "Year of Export" and emphasized the value that Esperanto could have among

exporters dealing with different countries. Major Petersen donated a copy of the "Nine Language Commercial Dictionary" to him. Mr. J.T. Allen replied and thanked Mr. Lithgow, and he was followed by Mr. D. Rockell, the Vice President of KAJ.

At the Inauguration in the evening, Mr. Allan welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Nišida from Japan. Mr. Nišida replied and read Greetings from other countries.

Dr. John Hamvai spoke about the books he had translated, "La Sklavoj de Dio" and "La Nekonata Homo."

Mr. D. MacGill who had returned from Japan showed slides of that country and the place where he was living.

**GREETINGS** were received from Dr. Humphrey Tonkin, President of UEA; The Esperanto Miners Association, Poland; Mr. Bartulec Paŭlo, Czechoslovakia; Mr. I. Pivac, Henderson; Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Auckland; Miss E. Ockenden, Christchurch; The Hawkes Bay Esperanto Club, Napier

**SOUVENIR** On display during the Congress was a pocket watch which belonged to the late Mr. Sam Taylor. His widow had given this watch to the Auckland Esperanto Society and was at that time in the possession of Mr. F.E. Wood. The watch had evidently been manufactured in the early years of Esperanto. On the face was a photograph of Dr. Zamenhof and underneath the words, "Ni laboru kaj esperu." (Let us work and hope.) The outside is ornately engraved, and on both front and back the words, "Lingvo Internacia." On the back is an engraved picture which shows the sunrise and two persons who are extending their hands across the oceans by means of the Esperanto Star. A true collectible item for a keen collector of Esperanto memorabilia.

**PUBLICITY.** Mr. Bertram Potts did a great work in placing Esperanto before the public. Year after year, each week he sent articles about Esperanto to 12 Newspapers, but not to the same each week. By sending articles often, it was possible there might chance to be room at that particular time for a small article. The Movement had been lucky to have a member who was an experienced journalist who willingly wrote articles for journals. NZEA owes a lot to Mr. Potts for his dedication to the movement.

At the Scout Jamboree at Oamaru, South Island, Mr. Dennis Pease with the help of Mrs. Gwenda Sutton arranged a stall and sold Esperanto books, badges and flags etc. to the value of \$128.30. Many of the scouts and helpers became interested in Esperanto during this Camp.

**THE W.H. KING CULTURAL FOUNDATION.** The winner of this Competition was Mrs. Ellen Lymburn who translated the book "Old Man's Story" by Frank Sargeson. The judges commented very favourably on the perfect translation. Mrs. M.E. Bussell who translated "The Will To Win" by O.E. Middleton was also highly praised.

**AUCKLAND.** Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood left Auckland on 23rd July on an overseas trip which was to include the 63rd Congress of the Universal Esperanto Association. En route they stopped at Singapore and Athens. It was a great pleasure to arrive in Sofia where they were met by Esperantists who were able to arrange an immediate flight to Varna where the Congress was held. Mr. Wood represented New Zealand at the Congress which was one of the largest so far held. About 4,500 attended. Mr. Wood gave messages from the Prime Minister, Mr. R.D. Muldoon (later Sir Robert) and the Leader of the Opposition Mr. (later Sir) W.E. Rowling. "It was most moving" reported Audrey Wood "to be in an auditorium which held 4000 esperantists! An experience never to be forgotten."

**HUTT VALLEY.** On 22nd July, the Hutt Valley High School arranged an International Fair in which the local Esperantists took part. There was a display of dictionaries, text books, postcards, magazines and letters from many countries. Also the latest film about New Zealand was shown. The many visitors showed an interest in the Exhibition which was arranged by Gwenda Sutton and Mike Leon. These two esperantists also arranged an Exhibition in the Upper Hutt Town Hall where the Rotary Club were organising a "Hobby Fair."

**ESPERANTO IN SCHOOLS.** Bell Block School, New Plymouth, Mr. H. Smith continued teaching all classes. Evans Bay Intermediate, Wellington, Mr. Weir O'Connor continued teaching Form 2 class. Fergusson Intermediate: Mrs Paulin taught her Form 1 class and Mrs. Sutton taught a small voluntary group 1 to 2 hours weekly. St. Peters College, Palmerston North: Mrs. Patricia Cain taught a Form 4 girls class; Rutherford Intermediate, Wanganui, Mrs. J. Wilson taught 22 Form 2 pupils. Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt, Mr. Nelson Hill was invited to take an elective class for 3 months. Hauraki Plains College, Mr. Charters hoped to start an elective course.

**NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.** In the 3rd issue of the "NZE" 1978, NZEA offered a prize of \$20 to the Club, Group or individual who collected the greatest number of different items appearing in New Zealand publications between the receipt of this issue and the end of November 1978. Each item (paragraph, report, letter etc.) had to be annotated with the name of the publication and the date on which it appeared and forwarded to the Information Officer no later than the 15th December.

**OBITUARY.** Mr. Michael Lawrence McNamara 1889 - 1978 died on 10th May in his 89th year. Mr. McNamara learned Esperanto in the 1920's under the tuition of Mr. J.S. Russell. He was the secretary of the Auckland Esperanto Society in 1936, and was at one time secretary of NZEA. Because of deafness in the latter years, he did not attend meetings, but generously financially helped both the Local and National Movement. He was a Life Member of both NZEA and UEA and a delegate for many years.

## 1979

**THE 44TH CONGRESS OF NZEA,** 10th to 14th January, occurred in St. Matthews Collegiate School, Masterton which was the same location as that held in 1973. A very modern hall had been built since the last time the Congress was held there. The President of the Local Congress Committee, Mr. D. Donalds welcomed the members.

The Official Opening was performed by Mr. Graeme Ayson, member of the Masterton Council, who had been earlier active in the Esperanto Movement in both Wellington and Masterton. Part of this speech was given in fluent Esperanto. He suggested that, in the present age of travel, NZEA should consider working with Travel Agents to show the value of Esperanto.

Mr. J.T. Allan, the President of NZEA replied to Mr. Ayson and thanked him for opening the Congress.

**A WINE AND CHEESE EVENING** gave everyone the opportunity for conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

**AN ITEM** outside the usual language and business sessions was a visit to and a guided tour of Hansell's factory where the packing of the products, both visually and by a film, was demonstrated. Each person received a sample of products made.

Mr. & Mrs. Wood spoke of their trip to the 63rd Universal Congress in Varna, Bulgaria, and their impressions of the Congress.

**IN THE DRAMA COMPETITION,** for Auckland, Mrs. A.G. Wood, Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mrs. G. Davis and Mrs. E. Lymburn presented "The Bet" by Chekhov, and for Masterton, Miss L. Donald, Mrs. L. Greig and Mr. & Mrs. Olsen presented a comedy, "Laŭ la Volo de Dio." The trophy was awarded to Masterton.

**AN EXCURSION** originally intended for Mt. Holdsworth was cancelled owing to inclement weather, but instead the members visited the home of Mr. & Mrs. Borthwick, Te Wahinga where they were escorted through the beautiful gardens which Mr. & Mrs. Borthwick had created there. Plants and trees had been brought from many countries to make an extraordinary show-place.

**NZ INSTITUTE OF ESPERANTO.** The Directors, Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood advised that they were unable to continue in that office. It was decided to circularize the members to decide the future of the Institute. The decision was to disband the NZ Institute of Esperanto and create a Correspondence Course Division to take over that function from the Institute. Mr. & Mrs. Wood were given the task of administering the Correspondence Courses. Attempts would be made to find a Language Sub-committee who would give advice on language matters to conform with the international norm. The committee to work in conjunction with the Education Officer.

**PUBLIC MEETING.** At the beginning of the year, The Auckland Esperanto Society received permission from the Auckland University for the use of a room for a Public Meeting which was held on 26th March. Prior to the meeting, some 700 firms received a notice about the meeting, and asking them to display it on their notice board, and notices were also placed in the University which read "Young People's Esperanto Club to be formed." This caused some interest, and we discovered a number of self taught Esperantists, but unfortunately not enough could spare the time to form a club.



**ON TELEVISION.** In the Television programme "Beauty and the Beast" on 16th May, the question was asked, "Do you think that Esperanto is suitable as an International Language, and should it be a compulsory subject in schools?" Each one thought that Esperanto was suitable, but not all supported that it be compulsory.

**OVERSEAS TRIP.** Mr. David Rockell who had been Information Officer and Assistant Secretary of NZEA and President of the Wellington Club resigned in May as he was travelling overseas on 17th June and expected to be working in Melbourne for a period of time.

**64th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS.** Mr. J. Major, Wellington, was New Zealand's Official Representative at the 64th Universal Congress in Lucerne, Switzerland, and gave Greetings from the New Zealand Prime Minister Mr. R.D. Muldoon and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. W.E Rowling.

**THE W.H. KING CULTURAL FOUNDATION.** NZEA Executive decided to organize a second Competition for the best translation into Esperanto of original prose by a New Zealand author. This was to be known as the "William King Translation Competition." This could be an essay, short story or novel of at least 3000 words but no more than 5000 words. The translation must be typed in double spacing, and on one side of the paper only. Each competitor must send in 5 copies of the translation and five copies of the original. All contributors must receive permission of the copyright owners to translate and to have the translation printed if required.

The winner of last year's competition was Mrs. E. Lymburn who translated "An Old Man's Story" ("Rakonto de Maljunulo") by Frank Sargeson and this was published by NZEA in 1979 under the "Sudaj Floroj" Series for 70c.

**PUBLICATIONS.** In the "NZ Esperantist" No.407, 4/1979 are listed other Esperanto books which had been written by New Zealand authors. They include:-

- "Kien la Poezio" by Brendon Clark 1957
- "El la Polvo de la Tero" by W.F. Rolt 1967
- "La Liberigo" by Brendon Clark 1971
- "La Homo" by D.A. MacGill 1977
- "Nokto da Timo" by Bertram Potts 1971
- "Infanoj de la Malriĉuloj" by J.A. Lee, translated by B. Potts. 1971
- "Sklavoj de Dio" by Geza Gardonyi, translated by John Hamvai. 1972
- "Fundamento de Psikologio" by C.J. Adcock 1976
- "La Nova Butikisto de Nukugaia" by B. Potts 1978
- "Poezia Bukedo" de B. Potts 1978
- "La Nekonata Homo" by Gardonya, translated by J. Hamvai. (to be published)

Others in English were:-

- "Esperanto Root Character" by R.V. Morgan 1971
- "Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963" by W.H. King 1973.

**ESPERANTO BEING TAUGHT.** Mrs. J. Wilson reported that she was teaching Esperanto to 17 pupils in the Rutherford Intermediate School.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** Although only 4 entries were received for the Yvon Canty Prize in 1979, the standard achieved was very high indeed. The winner, Mrs. Rachel Schusser received 90%; Mrs. K. Elgar 88%; Mr. R. Davis 85%; Miss R. Simpkins 79%.

**BEA ELEMENTARY EXAMINATION.** Congratulations to Mrs. Irene Rae who passed the examination with merit.

**OVERSEAS VISITOR.** Mr. Kenzen Minami, a Japanese Esperantist visited New Zealand with a Tour Group, but found time to contact Esperantists in New Zealand wherever possible.

**OBITUARIES.** Edgar A. Hornblow, Auckland, died in February (date not recorded). In the early days, he helped the Movement to get permission for Esperanto to be taught in schools. He joined the Wellington Esperanto Club in 1935, and in the same year represented New Zealand at the 28th Universal Congress in Vienna. Afterwards he and his wife Joan travelled through Europe on bicycles for 10 months using Esperanto the whole time. He was President of the Wellington Club in 1939, and from 1938 until 1946 he was the UEA Delegate for Teaching. In 1940 he taught Esperanto to 50 boys in Rongotai College. During the Second World War he held a high office in

the army in Wellington, and after the war, he moved to Raetihi where he taught esperanto in the local school.

Mr. Pat Carver, Wellington, passed away on 6th April. He was for many years an active member and Auditor of NZEA and treasurer of the Wellington Club. He was ever ready to advise on financial matters.

Eva McIntock died in Dunedin on 9th July. She was a past member of the Wellington Club, and though almost blind, she studied Esperanto at the time when the meeting room was in Aitken Street.

Mr. Wally Hall passed away on 22nd June 1979 in Palmerston North after a long illness. He was a member of NZEA for many years and a faithful supporter of the Esperanto Movement. His special interest was oratory, therefore it is not surprising that he donated a trophy for an Oratory Competition - the "W.J. Hall Trophy".

Mr. W.K. Thompson (Wally) Blockhouse Bay, Auckland, passed away on 17th September. In 1938, Wally was the secretary of the Auckland Esperanto Society and in the same year was Delegate for the International Esperanto League and about that time taught Esperanto to Dave MacGill. Although little is known of his activities in the Movement since that time, in 1979, the year he died, he was President of the New Lynn Club in Auckland. Also in 1979, an Esperanto story, "Loĝdometo Lavendo" was being published in the "New Zealand Esperantist" in serial form.

Mr. M. Carroll and Mr. C. Toomer were named at the 45th NZEA Congress who had passed away during the year. However, no details were given.

## 1980

**THE 45th CONGRESS OF NZEA** was held from 5th to 9th January 1980 in the Central Institute of Technology, Heretaunga. Mr. F.E. Wood, the Congress Secretary welcomed the members and regretted the absence of Mr. J.T. Allan, the President of NZEA because of illness. He mentioned that Mr. Allan was improving, but it would be some time before he would be able to continue as before. Mr. Wood underlined the problems which had plagued the Esperanto Movement through the years, but in spite of this it continued to grow. He then introduced Mr. G. Macaskill, the Deputy Mayor of Upper Hutt. Mr. Macaskill apologised that the Mayor was unable to attend, and welcomed the members to the city of Upper Hutt. Mr. Macaskill mentioned an international meeting which he attended some years ago, and the problems which he had encountered because he was unable to understand people of other countries without the aid of an interpreter. As a result of that, he appreciated the need of the International Language for communication.

Mr. E.R. Dearnley, Vice President of NZEA, thanked Mr. Macaskill for his encouraging words and cited his own experience when he attended the 57th Universal Congress in Portland, USA, in 1972, and the ease by which he could speak to other nationalities in Esperanto.

**GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS** were received from Mr. D.A. MacGill (Japan); Mrs. Miyazaki (Japan); Mr. D. Rockell (Australia); Australian Esperanto Association and San Diego Esperanto Club. The General Secretary of UEA, Dr. Szabo-Felso also sent Greetings.

**THE JUNIOR SECTION OF NZEA ABANDONED.** For some time NZEA had been unable to ascertain whether the Junior Movement in New Zealand was still in existence. Because of this unsatisfactory state, it was decided to disband the Movement as a separate section, and incorporate its activities within NZEA. This step was an unfortunate one to take, but under the circumstances it was felt there was no alternative.

**DIRECTOR OF UEA CENTRAL OFFICE.** An announcement was made at the Congress that Mr. Stefan MacGill had attained the position of Director of the Central UEA office in Rotterdam. NZEA had already sent congratulations on his promotion.

**THE 2nd PACIFIC CONGRESS** was held in The University of Vancouver, Canada from 26th to 29th July. Mrs. Lymburn attended and gave Greetings from New Zealand. While in North America, she made an extensive tour of both Canada and USA. Other New Zealanders who attended were Mrs. J. Thorley and Mrs. M. Gibson.

**65th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS.** Mr. J.T. Allan, President of NZEA, Member of the Committee of UEA and its Chief Delegate in New Zealand attended the 65th Universal Esperanto Congress in Stockholm, Sweden from 1st to 9th August. Mr. Allan gave Greetings from the Prime Minister, Mr. R.D. Muldoon and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Rowling. This was the first time that Mr. Allan had attended a UEA Congress, and it proved to be his last. Other New Zealanders who attended the Congress were Mr. & Mrs. W. Olsen and Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS.** Late in the year, Miss Wejngaarden, Holland, visited New Zealand. She took the opportunity to visit a number of Esperantists and was a guest in several places. Miss Wejngaarden was on the staff of UEA in Rotterdam.

About the same time of the year, the Esperantists in Auckland were able to meet Mr. Kenzen Minami, Tokyo, Japan who made a short visit to New Zealand. His visit coincided with a meeting of the International Language Society where he spoke about his work and some of his travels. He was a keen photographer, and took a photo of the group, himself included. Mr. Wood showed some slides of New Zealand so that the visitor could get a more extensive picture of New Zealand scenery.

**CONGRESS PROGRAMME.** All members of NZEA were circularised to find out their views of the Congress e.g. when the Congress should meet, and the type of sessions preferred. The following is a summary of the replies received.

First preference was Language Sessions.

2nd " that it be held early in January.

3rd " that it be a five day Congress.

4th " that the committee should deal with most of the business.

5th " that the business sessions be made interesting. ( 50/50)

6th " that the language sessions be conducted in English received very little support.

Programme Choices in order of preference were:-

1. Short Talks

2. Group Discussions

3. Excursions

4. Concert

5. Lectures

6. Workshops (equal with Drama)

7. Drama

8. Literature

9. Banquet

10. Singing

11. Church Service

12. Poetry

As only a relatively few replied (35 total), this cannot be construed as conclusive, but can be a guide for future planning.

**MAORI-ESPERANTO WORDS.** In the "NZ Esperantist" No. 415, 6/1980 appears a list of Maori-Esperanto words. It was anticipated that further words will appear in future editions.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** Mrs. K. Morris won the Yvon Canty prize.

**OBITUARIES.** Mr. William Frederick Rolt died in Hamilton on 23rd January. He was born in London in 1908 where he gained a Degree in Chemistry in 1934. In 1937 he emigrated to South Africa where he worked for 10 years as an industrial chemist. While there, he edited the monthly magazine, "Per Unu Voĉo" which appeared in Johannesburg from 1944 - 1946. In 1947 he emigrated to New Zealand and for many years worked as an agricultural chemist at the Ruakura Institute in Hamilton. He is the author of "El la Polvo de la Tero." (1967)

In 1949, Bill Rolt was one of the Vice Presidents of the Christchurch Esperanto Society, and from 1962 taught Esperanto to a group in Hamilton. In 1963 he was President of a newly found Club in Hamilton. Mr. Rolt was a member of the editorial committee of the "NZ Esperantist" from 1964 - 68 and was one of the Foundation Members of the NZ Institute of Esperanto. He was a member of UEA and NZEA for many years. He was nominated an Honorary Fellow in 1970 by NZEA.

Mr. W.C. Cantlon, Gisborne died on 6th May. Mr. Cantlon attended the 6th NZEA Congress in Palmerston North (1934-35.) In 1955 he became President of the new Club in Gisborne, and as its delegate, attended the 21st, 23rd, and 26th Congresses of NZEA. In 1957 with his wife he attended the 42nd Universal Esperanto Congress in France. He was for many years a member of NZEA and a Life Member of UEA.

Mrs. S. Thompson, Auckland, died on 21st May. She was for many years a member of the Auckland Society and at the time of her death, a member of the Committee.

Mr. V.L. Daniel died in June. He was the second secretary of the Wellington Club when he took that office in 1913. In 1914 he joined the army for overseas service.

Mr. Fred Prentice who died on 13th June. He was an Esperantist and the father of Mrs. N. Montgomery.



Miss Florence Bennett died in Wellington during 1980. She was at one time treasurer of the Karori Club, committee member of the Wellington Club and delegate for Theatrical Affairs for the International Esperanto League.

Miss Merle Wildey, Dunedin passed away 17th October. She was a fervent Esperantist who dedicated all her efforts to support the Dunedin Esperanto Club. She was the Head of the Language Department at Queens College, Dunedin, and put in much effort to advance the cause of Esperanto in educational circles.

## 1981

**THE 46TH NZEA CONGRESS** was held on 9th & 10th January 1981 in the hall of the Society of Friends, Moncrieff Street, Wellington. 35 people attended this Congress including a visitor from West Germany, Mr. Heimlich, Berlin. This Congress was to have been held in Napier, but owing to last minute difficulties, the venue was changed - hence the shortened Congress.

Mr. J.T. Allan, President of NZEA opened the Congress, and in his speech mentioned that the number of members in NZEA was in direct relationship to the members in clubs. The task of NZEA was to help the clubs to become stronger.

**OVERSEAS GREETINGS** were received from Dr. Flora Szabo-Felso, the General Secretary of UEA.; from Sweden Mr. Erik Svard, in the name of the Malmo Club; Mrs. Doris Sinclair, Queensland and Mr. V. Heimlich in the name of the West Berlin Club, Germany. 35 attended.

**THE OFFICERS ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE** were Mr. J.T. Allan (President); Mr. E.R. Dearnley (Vice President); Mr. F. Adams (General Secretary); Mrs. M. Richardson (Assist. Secretary); Mrs. M. Wansbrough (Treasurer); (Committee); Major H.W.R. Petersen, Mrs. N. Montgomery; Mr. M. Leon (Information Officer); Prof. C.J. Adcock (Education Officer.)

Mr. D. Raynor was thanked for the services he had rendered over the past five years as General Secretary. Owing to the demands of his career, he had been unable to accept office for another year.

**THE ESPERANTO SONG BOOK** had been produced by Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood and was on sale at the Congress. They had produced 300 books, each containing 132 songs on 100 pages. The price suggested was:- 1 copy \$1.00; 7 copies for \$5.00; 18 copies for \$10.00. About half the books were sold during the Congress. Mr. & Mrs. Wood were thanked for their efforts in compiling, printing and binding the Song Books.

**TURNBULL LIBRARY.** Mr. Bertram Potts gave a further collection of Esperanto books to the Turnbull Library to add to the "George Gordon" collection already being held there.

**THE LIBRARY OF NZEA**, a collection of approximately 600 books is held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood, Mt. Albert, Auckland. The Executive were to explore the possibility of establishing an Esperanto section in one of the Public Libraries so that the books were available on interloan.

**ESPERANTO GROUPS IN NEW ZEALAND** were listed as follows:-

Auckland Esperanto Society	Christchurch Esperanto Society
Dunedin Esperanto Club	Hawkes Bay Esperanto Club
International Language Society Auckland	Masteron Esperanto Club
New Lynn Esperanto Club	Palmerston North Esperanto Club
Upper Hutt Esperanto Club	Wanganui Esperanto Club
Wellington Esperanto Club	Wellington Esperanto Rondo
Whangarei Esperanto Club	

Under the guidance of Mr. Nelson Hill, a group of 14 students at the Wellington Teachers' College, Donald Street, Karori, began learning Esperanto.

**RADIO PROGRAMME.** On 12th July, Prof. John Adcock, Mike Leon and Rachel Schusser gave a 15 minute programme from Radio 2ZB.

**OVERSEAS VISITOR.** Miss Marjorie Harwood, Bradford, England visited New Zealand and visited both the Auckland Esperanto Society and the International Language Society.

**THE 66th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION CONGRESS** was held from 25th July to 1st August in Brazil. Mrs. Rita Aagaard was the only New Zealander to attend and was the Official Delegate for New Zealand and represented Mr. J.T. Allan on the committee. Greetings were sent by the Prime Minister, Mr. R.D. Muldoon and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. W.E. Rowling.

**BEA EXAMINATIONS.** Mr. Alan B. Doig, Taradale passed the Elementary Exam with distinction; Mrs. Mary Richardson, Upper Hutt and Mr. Martin Purdy, Levin, both succeeded to gain their Diploma with distinction.

**NZEA PREPARATORY EXAMINATION.** The Yvon Canty Prize was awarded to Mr. D.A. Knight.

**OBITUARIES.** Mr. L.S. Payne, Nelson, died 10th March 1981. He was a Life Member of NZEA and attended a number of NZEA Congresses.

Mrs. Yvon M. Canty, Auckland, passed away on 20th May at the age of 86 years. Mrs. Canty became a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society in 1943 and from that time, she lived for Esperanto and was always ready to help in its progress. In 1954 she attended the 39th Universal Esperanto Congress. She was President of the Auckland Esperanto Society for a 3 year period and was teaching for most of the years in the Club. She was made an Honorary Life Member of the Auckland Esperanto Society and in 1975 she became Patron. In 1954 she established a Fund so that an Annual Prize could be given to the Beginner who gained the highest marks in the Preparatory Examination. This was known as the "Yvon Canty Prize." The British Esperanto Association elected her as a special examiner in New Zealand for their examinations. When the NZEA was in Auckland, about 1956 - 59, she served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

It was her fervent wish that an Esperanto Headquarters be established in Auckland, and to encourage this aim, she bequest to NZEA the sum of \$10,000.00. This sum was invested in the hope that in the future, her wishes could be realised.

Mr. W.J. Donovan died in Wellington on 8th June at the age of 82 years. An Esperantist of many years standing, and a Past President of the Wellington Esperanto Club. His pleasant personality helped to retain the membership, and during the singing, his voice could be heard when he was conducting the choir.

Harry Maynard Sansum passed away in Wellington on 9th September. A veteran Esperantist, but little is recorded of his early history. However, he served in the army in the 2nd World War, and in April 1943 he attended the 5th Congress of the Palestine Esperanto League. He returned to New Zealand in 1944, and on 5th March 1945 spoke at the Palmerston North Esperanto Club about his experiences overseas. In later years, he attended the Wellington Rondo until age and sickness made it impossible.

Mrs J.G. Malcolm, Timaru died in September. She was a Life Member of NZEA. In 1958 she was the Librarian of the Timaru Club and from 1960 - 63 was the President.

## 1982

**THE 47TH NZEA CONGRESS** was held in the Te Kaihanga Hostel, 34A Hansons Lane, Riccarton, Christchurch from 6th to 10th January 1982. Mr. Frank Swift, the Local Congress Secretary welcomed the 32 who attended, and introduced Mr. Allan Dingwall who was to open the Congress. Mr. Dingwall said that NZEA was somewhat similar to the Workers Education Association for which he works. The society in which we live does not wholly understand what groups of volunteers are doing. We need courage and persistence to continue our work. Now is the time for Esperanto to work on new fronts. New technology and new methods are available. Nevertheless, the most important needs are people, especially enthusiastic ones. Money is useless without people. We must make ourselves known, and what we are trying to do. Mr. Dingwall hoped that doubts would never become a menace. The biggest profit that could be gained from the Congress was that it would stimulate the brain. Having given that sound advice, Mr. Dingwall opened the 47th Congress.

In his reply, Mr. J.T. Allan, President of NZEA thanked Mr. Dingwall for his encouraging words and mentioned that in Christchurch was established one of the first two Esperanto Groups in New Zealand about 1905.

Mr. Allan introduced and welcomed Mrs. Ena Shortland from Ipswich, England, and read a letter which she had brought from Mr. Ken Weetch, British MP and member of the All-Party British Parliamentary Esperanto Group, in which he sent Greetings to the Congress.

Mr. Allan reminded the Congress members that 1983 will be the International Year of Communication and that 1987 will be the year of the International Language.

**THE YVON CANTY TESTAMENT.** The Congress decided that the money be suitably invested, and that neither the capital nor the interest be used until all avenues are explored to use the money along the lines of the expressed wish of Mrs. Canty's Testament. That was, that it be used to establish a Headquarters of Esperanto in Auckland. Members were invited to make further contributions to this fund to see if this aim could be realised.

**YOUTH.** The Congress noted with some satisfaction two enthusiastic students, Mr. Martin Purdy and Mr. David Ryan who were attending the Congress. This showed a possible revival of the Youth Movement in the Association which had waned since Mr. Stefan MacGill had moved to Holland where he was now the Director of the Central Office of UEA in Rotterdam.

**THE EXCURSION** on 8th January was to Akaroa. Unfortunately the temperature was more like winter so the beach was not as attractive as on a warm summer day. However, a visit to the Museum there, and a walk around the settlement made an enjoyable interlude to the business of Congress.

**DRAMA ITEMS** were presented by Auckland and Masterton. Mr. & Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Aagaard took part in the Auckland play while that from Masterton was presented by Mr. & Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Greig.

**POSTAL COURSE OF 10 FREE LESSONS.** Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood arranged this Course as part of the Correspondence Courses. Each lesson was duplicated on both sides of an A4 sheet. The first lesson was distributed through several venues, mainly Public Libraries where they were freely available for the general public. When anyone completed and returned the first lesson together with a stamped envelope, it was marked and returned together with Lesson 2 and so on until Lesson 10. The first thousand were soon distributed, so Mr. Wood duplicated a further 2000 copies of the first lesson.

**PUBLICITY.** The Link Organisation allotted a stall to the Auckland Esperanto Society at Keith Park Memorial Park, Western Springs, on Waitangi Day, 6th February 1982 at their International Festival. This was an excellent opportunity to promote Esperanto, and in order to draw people to the stall, the Club decided to sell packets of used stamps as well as cups of tea. Esperanto books, magazines, bookmarks, pamphlets and posters were on display.

**THE 67th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS** was held in Antwerp, Belgium, where Mr. J. Major was the New Zealand representative and gave Greetings from the Prime Minister. Sir Robert Muldoon sent this message:-

"I see a challenge in the theme for the 67th World Congress of the Universal Esperanto Association: 'General Aspects of the Esperanto Movement - does today's generation gap extend to the Esperanto World?' The challenge is to ensure that this question is answered in a positive way. To progress as a medium of communication between individuals and their countries, Esperanto must be inculcated in young people from as early an age as they are capable of learning it. This is no easy task for it is part of the education of students in many countries that they learn a second language for commercial, diplomatic and purely social exchanges. So it is that Esperanto is a third language superimposed on native and second languages. This highlights the magnitude of the task confronting its apostles. Esperantists must be dedicated people. The evidence in New Zealand is that they are, and this country is honoured that its representative at the Congress, Mr. Joseph Major, is an Esperantist of world repute. I send my Greetings to all at the Congress and my Good Wishes that it not only meets your expectations, but exceeds them."

R.D. Muldoon,  
Prime Minister.

**ESPERANTO BOOKS IN LIBRARIES.** The Executive of NZEA purchased 10 copies of "Esperanto, the solution to our Language Problems" published by the Esperanto Press, Ontario, Canada. These were to be distributed free to selected libraries throughout New Zealand. The book is bilingual - English and Esperanto - and hopefully it will attract favourable attention from Library users. The Executive also approved the purchase of the cassette course, "Jen nia Mondo" together with 50 copies of the course book. The intention is to make the course available on loan. The cassette will be returnable, but the borrowers will be able to keep the course book. Details and conditions of the loan are available from the New Zealand Esperanto Association.

To ensure that some Esperanto literature is available in some of the Public Libraries, the Association donated copies of "Esperanto, Lingvo Internacia" to the following libraries:- The



National, Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Masterton, Napier, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Wellington and Whangarei.

**PUBLICITY.** It was reported that this year up to 10th December, the "Evening Post", Wellington, had published 37 items dealing with Esperanto, for the greater part submitted by Mr. B. Potts and Mr. N. Hill. Other members were encouraged to send information about Esperanto to their local newspapers as a means of keeping Esperanto before the public.

**RADIO.** On 22nd April, Mr. J.T. Allan was interviewed by Sharon Crosbie in her very popular programme. Mr. Allan explained the most important aspects of Esperanto with the hope that it would awaken interest among the many listeners.

**NZEA, MEMBER OF UNITED NATIONS.** The Association, during the year, became a member of the United Nations Association, NZ. As the United Nations have similar aims to those expressed by Zamenhof when he created Esperanto some 50 years before the UN existed, it was decided that the membership could help both Associations.

**ESPERANTO CLASS, OTARA, AUCKLAND.** Mrs. Ellen Lymburn taught Esperanto to 18 children in two groups at the Flat Bush Primary School, Otara, and 3 adults went to Mrs. Lymburn's home to study.

Two ladies visited Mrs. Grace Davis each week to study Esperanto.

**CHIEF DELEGATE.** Mr. J.T. Allan, who was also President of NZEA, suddenly passed away on 6th July (refer eulogy below). The NZEA Executive approached Mr. F.E. Wood asking him to accept the position of Chief Delegate. He accepted and this was confirmed by UEA in October.

**OBITUARIES:** Mr. P. McRae, a longstanding member of the Wellington Esperanto Club, and at one time librarian, passed away. The funeral which Mr. J.T. Allan attended was held on 18th January.

Mrs. Olga Hamvai, the wife of Dr. John Hamvai died on 14th February. She was a fluent Esperantist and met Dr. Hamvai at a Universal Congress. As Mrs. Hamvai was an Estonian and Dr. Hamvai came from Hungary, they used the International language, Esperanto, in order to converse together. Their marriage was one of the first to be conducted in Esperanto.

Mr. R.T. Thwaites died in Tauranga in May. He was for many years a member of NZEA.

**Mr. James Tait Allan JP.** The 6th July was a black date in the history of NZEA, because on that date, after a sudden illness, our President Jim passed away. Jim Allan was a member of NZEA in the 1930's, and stayed active for the rest of his life holding practically every office in the Association. He became Chief Delegate for UEA in New Zealand in 1956 after the death of Brendon Clark, and was for many years a committee member of UEA. He was always ready to assist or take over the responsibility of others who were unable to complete their allotted tasks. It is doubtful if anyone would be able to fulfil the offices he held as well as he did. A large number of mourners attended the funeral service on 9th July, and among them were many Esperantists. At the finish of the religious ceremony, Major H.W.R. Petersen spoke to the gathering with these words which I will not translate:-

"Geamikoj, gesinjoroj kaj gesamideanoj, mi parolas nome de la tuta Nov-Zelanda Esperantistaro. Jim Allan ne nur estis nia multjara Prezidanto, nia multjara Ĉefdelegito. Li ankaŭ estis nia inspiro, nia espero, nia instigado, nia gvidanto kaj kondukanto. Sen li, estas kaj estos granda manko en niaj vivoj. Ni estas perdintaj sinceran, proksiman, valoran amikon. Li ĉiam restos en nia memoro."

**Mr. L.J.P. Williams** died in Rotorua on 28th September. He was for many years a member of NZEA and UEA and delegate in Rotorua where he maintained a display case in a shopping area advertising Esperanto. For many years, he paid for an announcement in the UEA Year Book advertising Rotorua. In his will, he left \$6000.00 to NZEA.

**Mr. David Kirk** died in Levin on 19th November, aged 79 years. He was a pioneer of the Wellington Club joining about 1936 and in 1939 became the membership secretary of NZEA. In 1940, he was elected secretary, but had to resign because of war service. In 1946, he organised in New Zealand the petition for the International League to UN, that Esperanto be adopted as the International Language and that it be taught in schools.

**THE 48TH NZEA CONGRESS** was held in St. Matthews Collegiate School for Girls, Pownall Street, Masterton from 5th to 9th January 1983. Mr. W. Olsen, President of the Masterton Esperanto Club welcomed the members and introduced Mrs. Margaret Christensen who came on behalf of the Mayor of Masterton. Mrs. Christensen reminded those attending, that Esperanto had been in existence 95 years and while about 300 other languages had been created, Esperanto was the most outstanding. She then wished the Congress every success and officially opened the Congress.

Mr. Ralph Dearnley, the Vice President of NZEA thanked Mrs. Christensen.

Mr. F.E. Wood, who had been appointed to the position of Chief Delegate in New Zealand for UEA since the death of Mr. J.T. Allan, emphasised that 1983 was the International Year of Communication and we should grasp the opportunity to push forward Esperanto. Prof. C.J. Adcock spoke about the proposal to use Esperanto as a "bridge" language for translating one language into another. The European Economic Community has put 125,000 guilders at the disposal of two firms to create a computer system using Esperanto which would simplify translations into other languages.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS.** Mr. Dearnley welcomed and introduced Mrs. Beatrice Clarke from Hove, Sussex, England and Mr. William P. Vathis from Spokane, Washington, USA, who both gave greetings to the Congress. Mr. Vathis invited the members to the Universal Congress to be held in Vancouver in 1984.

**THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS** elected were Dr. D.E. Rogers (President); Mr. E.R. Dearnley (Vice President); Mr. F. Adams (General Secretary); Mrs. M. Richardson (Treasurer); Mr. F. E. Wood and Major H.W.R. Petersen (Committee); Mrs. G. Sutton (Help Secretary & Information Officer); Prof. C.J. Adcock (Education Officer.)

**FUTURE CONGRESSES.** A question was raised about the value of having the NZEA Congress every other year as is done by the Australian Esperanto Association. In this way, it could be possible for reciprocal exchange of visits to each others Congress, as they would occur in different years. This would allow for greater co-operation and exchange of ideas between the two countries. It was decided that Mr. F.E. Wood write an article for the N.Z. Esperantist opposing the change from annual Congresses to Two-yearly Congresses while Dr. D. Rogers would write an article supporting the change, and wait the reaction of the members generally. The articles appeared in the NZE Nos. 428 and 429 respectively but the reaction from the members was inconclusive, so in the meantime the annual Congresses continued.

**ESPERANTO DAY.** The 48th Congress decided to explore the possibility of establishing a day acceptable to other countries. The British Esperanto Association had decided on a week from 5th to 10th September which coincided with the beginning of activities after the summer holidays. A suggestion was made that we utilise the "Week of International Friendship," the third week in February, but as that was too early to implement for 1983, the Executive recommended that clubs follow the decision of BEA.

**CHARITABLE ORGANISATION.** During the year, NZEA amended its rules to enable the Association to qualify as a charitable organisation. This made NZEA exempt from Income Tax and donations from Companies and individuals would be deductible for taxation purposes, by those donors, up to the legal limit. This gave NZEA the benefits available to charitable organisations and provided better financing of the Association's activities.

**VIDEO.** The Wellington Esperanto Club suggested to UEA that they arrange a video cassette of activities at the Universal Esperanto Congress. UEA thanked them for the suggestion and would ask the Local Congress Committee to consider the possibility of making the cassette for distribution to interested persons.

**UNIVERSAL CONGRESS.** As Australia had invited the Universal Esperanto Congress to Brisbane in 1988, Mr. Ralph Harry, President of AEA wrote and suggested that NZEA consider organising an After Congress Excursion in New Zealand for that year if the invitation is accepted.

Mr. Harry also invited New Zealand members to the Australian Congress in January 1984. The Australian Association also offered to assist with the travel costs of a young outstanding Esperantist who would contribute to the programme. This was offered to Mr. Martin Purdy but he was unable to travel to Canberra for that Congress.

**UNITED NATIONS.** Dr. D.E. Rogers, President of NZEA, attended the Annual Meeting of UNANZ and had previously sent in a report in which he mentioned the successful "Interpute 82" Conference where Esperanto was the working language. He also mentioned the previous support by the UN Association.

**ARCHIVES** of the Esperanto Movement in New Zealand. The secretary of NZEA, Mr. F. Adams, advised that he was trying a new system to conserve correspondence and documents received. We had received several books, films, cassettes and tapes from Mrs. J.T. Allan and Mr. N. Hill. The secretary was holding them and compiling a list.

**DUNEDIN.** Unfortunately, the Dunedin Esperanto Club announced that they were unable to continue. Sino E. Allen hosted Mrs. Ann Whitteker, Portland, USA and Mr. Doi, Japan, but was unable to arrange other contacts in New Zealand as this occurred during the holidays and the Club had ceased to function.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** In August, Mr. H.W.R. Petersen asked the Executive to elect a new Director of the Book Department. Mr. Roy Curtis agreed to do the work until another person was found. He began that duty in September. Major Petersen (Pete) was sincerely thanked for the work he had done during the six years as Director.

The Book Sales for the year ending September 30th 1983 were \$1459.83, and the Balance Sheet reads as follows:-

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
	\$		\$
Creditors	21.50	Bank of N.Z	1881.27
		Stock New	4093.11
		Stock Sec.Hand	<u>363.87</u>
			4456.98
Accumulated Funds	<u>5648.21</u>	Less 15%	<u>668.54</u>
	<u>5669.71</u>		<u>3788.44</u>
			<u>5669.71</u>

**THE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE** continued under the Directorship of Audrey & Fred Wood.

Courses ordered were 4 Elementary, 5 Intermediate and 2 Advanced. A loss of \$13.01 was recorded which was caused by the duplication of a further 6000 copies of the "Free Course" which had proved to be an effective source of advertising. The Balance Sheet to the end of the Financial Year 30.9.83 reads as follows:-

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
	\$		\$
Stock Course Material 1.10.82	213.52	Beginners Courses (4)	108.50
Stock of Information 1.10.82	10.00	Intermediate " (5)	96.00
Material for Courses	177.35	Advanced " (2)	45.00
Postage etc.	74.96	Interest BNZ	7.65
Free Courses Material	53.10	Sales	90.50
Subscriptions to NZEA	76.00	Stocks Course Material	283.27
Subscriptions Returned etc.	49.00	Stocks Information	10.00
		Deficit	<u>13.01</u>
	<u>653.93</u>		<u>653.93</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1983.

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
	\$		\$
Capital 1.10.82	523.57	Bank A/c	217.29
Less deficit	13.01	Course Material	283.27
	<u>510.56</u>	Information Material	<u>10.00</u>
			<u>510.56</u>

Esperanto Groups which affiliated to NZEA in 1983.

Auckland Esperanto Society.	Christchurch Esperanto Society	Dunedin Esperanto Club
Hawkes Bay Esperanto Club	International Esperanto Society	Masterton Esperanto Club
New Lynn Esperanto Club	Upper Hutt Esperanto Club	Wanganui Esperanto Club
Wellington Esperanto Club	Wellington Rondo	Whangarei Esperanto Club



**SCIENCE.** In reply to a request of UEA, the Executive of NZEA elected Dr. D.E. Rogers to liaise between the Scientific Publishing Centre of UEA and the Esperanto specialists in New Zealand.

**AUCKLAND ESPERANTO SOCIETY** had its first meeting for 1983 on 8th February when 30 people including Beginners attended. Welcomed to this meeting were Stefan MacGill, his wife Loes, her friend Williemiene, both of Holland, and Victor MacGill. They were guests of Audrey and Fred Wood during their short stay in Auckland.

Members from Auckland travelled to Whangarei to meet in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Walton on 26th March for their Annual Get-together. Fred Wood chaired the meeting. Singing, short sketches, readings and monologues filled part of the programme. The group took the opportunity to discuss the merits of an Annual or Two-yearly Congress. After the discussion, a ballot was taken of those who usually attend the Congress with the result of 11 supporting an Annual Congress and 4 preferring a Two-yearly.

**WELLINGTON.** The following letter was received from Mrs. Beryl Allan, widow of Jim Allan:-

"Dear Esperantists,  
Many of you will have come to know my husband Jim very well through your shared interest in, and enthusiasm for, the aspirations of the Esperanto Movement.  
I regret very much that my health does not permit me to write to each of you individually to thank you for your acts of thoughtfulness at the time of Jim's death. Please accept this letter as a personal acknowledgement.  
One of the very dear qualities about Jim was his practical humanitarianism. Because of this, I was very moved by the generous donations made by Esperantists to the St. John's Free Ambulance, both individually and collectively. Thank you one and all.

Beryl Allan."

**68th UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO CONGRESS** occurred in Budapest, Hungary, in August when a record number of over 5000 attended from 72 countries. The NZEA Executive sent Greetings together with the usual Greetings from the Leaders of the three Major Political Parties, names not recorded. Unfortunately, there was no official representative from New Zealand, however Sonja Scott from Christchurch attended.

NZEA ordered 1 copy of Turisma Brazilo which consisted of 80 slides, 1 cassette and text about Brazil to show at the next Congress.

**OBITUARIES.** Two people who had a long association with Esperanto were Dr. J. E. Beaumont and Mr. S.R. (Bob) Perfect, Auckland, who both died in 1983. Dr. Beaumont bequeathed \$200 to NZEA. In his youth, Mr. Bob Perfect was very active in the Auckland Esperanto Society. He was an excellent speaker of Esperanto and gave many addresses over the years to the Auckland Club.

**49th CONGRESS OF NZEA** was from 6 - 10 January in the Epsom Girls' Grammar School Hostel. The official opening was at 1:30 pm when attended David Lange, the then Leader of the Opposition Labour Party, Dr. D.E. Rogers, President of N.Z.E.A., Mrs A.G. Wood, President of the Auckland Esperanto Society, Mr. F.E. Wood, Congress Secretary and 34 others.

Mrs Wood welcomed the members and hoped that they would enjoy their stay in Auckland, would find new friends and would take part in all the sessions in order to improve their use of Esperanto.

Mr. Wood, the Chief Delegate in N.Z. for UEA, spoke among other things about the growing need for international communication; the work plan of UEA; information about Esperanto; education and teaching; application; use in professional circles; organizational resources.

Mr David Lange recommended that Esperantists are not to worry about the fact that often they seemingly are not progressing very successfully. He said, "One more and more acknowledges the need for more precise communication. He noticed that the gathering was meeting in a city where one could demonstrate the need for communication. Mr. Lange congratulated those who continually work for an ideal against scepticism and against arrogance from those who suppose that their language is the international language." Mr. Lange finally welcomed the Congress members to Auckland and declared the Congress open.

Dr. Rogers replied saying that it was the first time the Leader of a main Political Party had opened a New Zealand Congress.

**TELEGRAMS** from the Congress were sent to Mr. & Mrs. Bert Potts and Major H.W.R. Petersen. **GREETINGS** were received from Mr. Doi, Japan, and Mr. David Rockell, Melbourne.

**"ESPERANTO AS AN AID TO WORLD PEACE"** was the theme of this Congress.

**SHORT TALKS:** The following day there were interesting short talks.

Norris Hall spoke on "The Milford Track."

Mrs. Grace Davis, "What are the aims of People?"

Mrs. Marion Moore, "A Personal History."

Mrs. J. Wilson, "Amnesty International."

Ian Dunwoodie, "Tongariro National Park."

Mrs. Joan Rolt, "The Sleep"

Ed Porter, "How and Why I Learnt Esperanto."

Roy Morris, "Methods of Travel."

Miss Sylvia Hill, "Centres for Esperanto."

Mrs. Gwenda Sutton, "Tourist Centre in Pollando."

Mrs. Audrey Wood, "Crime in an Aeroplane."

**BOOK DEPARTMENT.** Owing to Major Petersen's illness, Mr. Roy Curtis had agreed temporarily to manage the Book Department but was not able to continue. Mrs. Colleen Larsen who had previously managed the Book Department for a number of years was to open a Book Shop in Havelock North, and would be prepared to manage the Book Department. Mrs. Larsen took over from April, 1984.

**CONCERT.** Sino Jeannie Wilson, Trevor Rounthwaite and Garth Cullen entertained the Congress members on the piano and a sketch was given by Mrs. Ellen Lymburn and Mrs. Rita Aagaard. The most outstanding item was presented by Ian Dunwoodie and David Ryan. Ian presented the body, and David the feet of a grotesque marionette figure. It was original and unbelievable and lots of fun.

**DRAMA EVENING.** The Auckland Club presented "La Kazo sub Juĝado" (The Case under Judgment). There were 12 actors/actresses, and afterwards Audrey Wood was congratulated for translating and producing such an enterprising play. Two shorter presentations were "La Nova Servistino" de Gwenda Sutton and Marion Moore, and "Epizodo ĉe Stratangulo" by Mr. & Mrs. Knight.

**THE EXCURSION** to Kawau Island by bus and boat was very enjoyable. Time was available to see over the historical home of Sir George Grey and explore the island.

**NZEA OFFICERS** elected were: President, Dr. D. Rogers; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mr. F. Adams; Help Secretary, Mrs. M. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Richardson; Committee, Miss S. May and Mrs. G. Sutton. Auditor, Mr. B. Roitero.

The President spoke about plans to celebrate the Centenary in 1987. He mainly planned to concentrate on informing the public about the need for Esperanto. It was suggested that the "J.T. Allan Fund" be used to send information to schools and the public.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.** Major Petersen was unanimously elected Hon. Life Member of NZEA for his outstanding services as secretary, member of the Executive, Editor of "NZE" and Director of the Book Department.

**RULES OF NZEA.** New rules were discussed and confirmed by the Congress. The new rules would allow NZEA to become a Charitable Organisation which would benefit the Association.

**PUBLICITY IN WELLINGTON.** It is worth mentioning that because of an argument about Esperanto in the daily newspaper "Dominion," 73 inches of propaganda was given to Esperanto.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS.** On 25th April, a Polish container ship arrived in Auckland. Two esperantists, Mrs. Selina and Mr. Niebylska were aboard, and welcomed by Mrs. Aagaard. An evening for Club members to meet the visitors was held in Mrs. Aagaard's home. Two days later, it was Selina's birthday, and members of the Auckland Club were invited to a party on board this vast ship. Mr. Niebylska, a radio operator, showed the members the apparatus by which he communicates with agents in various countries. Later, the party adjourned to a cabin where they chatted and celebrated the birthday.

**3rd PACIFIC CONGRESS:** This was held in Portland, Oregon, USA just prior to the 69th Universal Congress. Quite a number of New Zealanders attended. Mr. F.E. Wood was the official representative for New Zealand who with his wife Audrey planned to make an extensive tour of the western part of Canada and also attend the Universal Congress in Vancouver. One item of special interest was the showing of a video advertising Esperanto where a well known American actor was the main speaker. At the end of the Pacific Congress two buses carried those who were going to the Universal Congress on a two day trip to Vancouver.

**69th UNIVERSAL CONGRESS:** The University of British Colombia, Vancouver was the venue in July. The Hall of Residence was a multi-storey building and those on the upper floors had a great panorama of the district. Mr. F.E. Wood was the Official Delegate and delivered the usual greetings. The facilities and the organisation were excellent.

**CHESS TOURNAMENT:** Mr. C. Huygens, Nelson, reported in the "NZE" that the Hungarian Chess Organisation was starting a Zamenhof Memorial Tournament for Chess players beginning December 1984. The New Zealander was Mr. M. Sims, 6 Weka Place, Tokoroa, who is collecting a team of 5 players. Teams would take part from all over the world. It was interesting to know that Zamenhof and Esperanto were getting worldwide mention among chess players.

#### Membership to 31.12.84

Year	Hon.Life	Life Mem.	Full Mem.	Junior	Associate	Total
1980	3	51	106	8	2	170
1981	3	49	98	2	2	154
1982	2	45	100	1	2	150
1983	2	46	106	6	3	163
1984	2	47	106	6	4	165

**SCHOOL CLASS VISITS THE AUCKLAND SOCIETY.** 30 girls and boys from Range View Intermediate School visited the Auckland Esperanto Society and took part in singing, Esperanto games and card games. The class sang "La Fluanta Tajdo" and enjoyed their night out. Supper was served at the end of the programme. The children were some of two classes being taught by Mr. Brian Fox.

**OBITUARIES:** Mrs. Frizzell, Rangiora, who for many years was the agent for NZEA for collecting used stamps and sending them to UEA. She did a grand work.

**Mr. W. Wrack** died in March 1984. He was a member of NZEA from 1946 to 1984. He bequeathed \$200.00 to the Esperanto Movement.

**Mr. Anton Vogt** died in France 1984. When he first came to New Zealand, he boarded with Mr. Vernon Leck who instilled in him the idea of Esperanto. Within 8 months, he became secretary of the Wellington Esperanto Club.

**Mr. Bluey Blong** had been a member of the Wellington Club. He was one of the Founders and Editors of the publication "La Interna Ideo" first published in 1935 and was Assistant Secretary to Bill King, the then secretary of NZEA.

**Major H.W.R. (Pete) Petersen.** The following report in "NZE" ably expresses the sentiments felt by the members. "With great sadness, we report that after a long illness during which Pete courageously and uncomplainingly continued working for Esperanto, our beloved Editor of "NZE" died on 22nd April 1984. For us all, it was a sad occasion and for our magazine a tremendous loss. Major Petersen was always a battler. Professionally he was a distinguished Officer in the Army, but was always a fighter for peace and international friendship, truly a supporter of the 'Interna Ideo'. During the last few years, he had to fight a serious illness. He was interested in Esperanto early in his life and seriously studied the language, and when he could organise a class, he was a good teacher and inspired his students with his enthusiasm. In the early years, his military work often interrupted what he wanted to do for Esperanto. Only after his retirement from



the Military was he able to fully devote his time to Esperanto. After a period as Club Secretary and Club President, he worked on the National Executive as Secretary, Director of the Book Department and Editor of "NZE". In each sphere he worked enthusiastically and competently. At our Congresses, he made an excellent contribution. He had mastered the language and was accepted as a good advisor on grammar and style. It is only when we remember his great contribution to Esperanto and the vast amount he did for the Movement that it strikes us how much we owe him. He holds an honoured place in our Esperanto History." The Funeral Service held on 27th April was attended by many Esperantists.

## 1985

**NZEA 50th JUBILEE** Congress was held from 18th to 22nd January 1985 in Erskine College, Wellington. 61 Esperantists lived in at the Congress. The Deputy Mayor, Mr. G. Wilson, opened the Congress in Esperanto. Dr. Rogers thanked him and presented him with a beautiful Calendar from China. Prof. Adcock gave the Jubilee speech. He stated that the New Zealand Esperanto Society was founded in 1904, but ceased to function in 1915. The present NZEA was formed in 1927 when Prof. Adcock was the first President, and he has been active in the Movement since that time. Firstly he expressed regret that Mr. Bertram Potts, the "Grand Old Man" of Esperanto was unable to attend the Jubilee. He himself became interested in Esperanto as the result of an article published in the gazette "National Education." For him, Esperanto was "love at first sight."

**GREETINGS** were sent to Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Potts, Mr. Potts being an Honorary Life President.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS.** There were five visitors from Australia and two from Sweden.

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:** President & Representative for Science, Dr. D.E. Rogers; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, (Executive to appoint); Assistant Secretary, Mr. F. Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Richardson; Committee members, Mr. D. Ryan, Miss S. May and Mrs. G. Sutton.

**THE EXCURSION** included a guided tour over the new Michael Fowler Centre, and the Beehive followed by lunch in the Botanical Gardens. Otari Plant Museum.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.** NZEA Committee decided that the 50th Jubilee Congress was an appropriate time to honour Prof. C.J. Adcock for the great work John had done for the Esperanto Movement in New Zealand over the past 56 years. John was one of the Founders of the present Association and he was elected President. He remained President for many years. He was a Life Member of NZEA. He was Education Officer for a number of years and advised the Committee on Educational matters. In previous years, he met with Parliamentarians with the aim to convince them to bring Esperanto into the schools.

John was a member of the NZ Institute, and founder and committee member of the NZ Esperanto Science Association.

Prof. Adcock was elected a Fellow of NZEA in 1963. (FNZEA)

John was a member and delegate of UEA for many years. He was also for many years a member of the Esperanto International Science Association and also New Zealand agent for the journal, "Science Revue". He published a few scientific references in Esperanto. During the last two years, he founded the World-wide Association of Kibernetics, Information and Systems, and he was elected a committee member. That was an indication of the high esteem in which John was held by overseas scientists. He also was the author of of references for the Kibernetik Congress in 1985.

During the last 56 years, John worked constantly for Esperanto and faithfully helped with many esperanto matters. He taught many people about Esperanto, tutoring many courses. It seemed that he had a longer list of Esperanto positions than any other New Zealander.

The Committee believed that the 50th Congress was the right place and occasion to show the high esteem which New Zealanders felt for John Adcock, so they proposed that the Congress members elect John Adcock an Honorary Life Member. The Congress showed their consent by acclamation.

**TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.** It was recommended that, before making proposals to the Education Department, there be a Certificate of Competency to be awarded to qualified teachers. This was to be discussed with the examiners.

**A LOST CHAPEL.** Erskine College was a very interesting construction, but required several days of orientation to find one's way around. This problem inspired Mr. Nelson Hill to write in the "NZE" No.440, his observations.

"Is it possible to lose a whole chapel. No-one could believe that that could occur, but in fact that happened in the Congress of NZEA in Wellington. The Congress venue was a college for girls, which seemingly was built by human rabbits immediately after the great flood. The corridors always seemed to lead in the wrong direction, the toilets were unable to be found, and more than one of the esperantists, even after days of living in, still had to ask directions.

The Sunday Service was celebrated in a gorgeous chapel which so impressed one esperantist that later she wished to show it to an important person, but oh my! the chapel had disappeared. They searched room after room but could not find it. Only later they were informed that it was only possible to reach it by a corridor and stairs alongside and parallel with, but hidden from the main entrance!"

**AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING** on February 7th, Mr. David Rockell agreed to be General Secretary and Mr. E.R. Dearnley, Minute Secretary. Under the new rules, the following officers were elected by the Executive:

Mr. F.E. Wood	UEA Committee Member
Mr. J. Major	Editor, NZE.
Mrs. G. Sutton	Information Officer
Prof. J. Adcock	Education
Mr. D. Ryan	Youth
Mr. F. Adams	Circulation Officer
Miss S. May	Correspondence Course Administrator
Mrs. M. Browne	School Book Collection Administrator
Mr. D. Rogers	Science

**OVERSEAS VISITORS:** In February, Mrs Josiko Unno and Mr. Cutomu Suganami from Sizuoka (Japan) who visited Wellington and were the guests of Ralph & Gwenda Sutton. Mr. J. Major took them to many places of interest, and in Auckland they stayed with Audrey and Fred Wood and visited the Auckland Club.

Mr. & Mrs. Hendee, Redlands, California visited the Auckland Club in March.

**INTERNATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE.** On 2nd March the first half of a service held in the St. Columba Presbyterian Church had an international character. Boys and girls, young people and teachers appeared in their various national costumes. At the same time, they carried national flags. Even a star on a white background was presented. An international flavour was emphasised by the reading of the 23rd Psalm in Esperanto. The reader was the UEA delegate for Christchurch. At the end of the service, he received many enquiries about Esperanto.

**ESPERANTO COURSE:** Prof. C.J. Adcock taught Esperanto at the Wellington Community Institute during the first term of 1985, and hoped the students would continue to learn.

**RESIGNATION.** In April, the Executive received a telegram from David Rockell resigning from the office of General Secretary.

Mr. David Ryan took over the position of secretary in the meantime.

**PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM.** At the May Executive Meeting, Mrs. M. Richardson reported that she had bought a photograph album.

**UNITED NATIONS.** Dr. D. Rogers and Mr. F. Adams attended a meeting of United Nations to celebrate United Nations Day.

**COCKTAIL PARTY.** The President, Dr. D. Rogers received an invitation to attend a Cocktail Party hosted by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Palmer, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of United Nations. He was unable to attend, but Mr. David Ryan took his place.

**ESPERANTO HEADQUARTERS.** For many years, Mrs. Yvon Canty had advocated that Auckland plan to purchase a building for the use of the Esperanto Movement, and she was willing to leave the bulk of her possessions to the Auckland Society for this purpose. This had encouraged the Auckland Esperanto Society to create a Building Fund to supplement any money bequeathed to them. From 1968 the Society raised money by various methods, but mainly Trading Tables. Mrs. Siddall was the main organiser and a hard worker for this project, and the Building Account

continued to grow over the years. Mrs. Canty had named Mr. Fred Wood in her will as one of the Trustees. However, because of changes made in Mrs Canty's will shortly before her death, the amount she left to the Association was \$10,000.00, while a very generous gift, was only a fraction of what she intended leaving when she was in better health.

However, that was a financial basis which encouraged a suggestion that consideration should be given to purchase the Kingsland Fire Brigade Station in Auckland. The building was of concrete construction of three floors facing the main street. On the ground floor was a Hall about 15m x 7m plus 5 smaller rooms about 4m x 3m. An outside entrance led to two other rooms plus kitchen, shower rooms and toilets. Upstairs were four bedrooms plus a lounge which was then let for \$7280.00 per year. The asking price was \$180,000 but was eventually sold for less than that.

With some enterprise and enthusiasm that building could have been a permanent meeting place, housing for the Book Department and Library, and could have financed itself from the rents which could have been collected. However, like many other ventures, the commitment and foresight to make it a success was not forthcoming, and the opportunity was lost.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.** Mrs. Mary Browne spoke to the Senior Citizens Association and Rotoact, but was unable to persuade any to learn Esperanto.

While working as a voluntary aid in the Hospital, she met a young farmer who was shortly due to travel to Canada and Denmark on the International Farm Exchange Scheme. He became interested in Esperanto when he heard of a farmer in Denmark who was an Esperantist. Mrs. Browne provided him with text books, and after he was discharged from hospital assisted him by telephone. When he left the Manawatu District, he said that he would make sure that the text books were in his suitcase, and would use the language when he was overseas.

**OVERSEAS VISITORS.** Mr. & Mrs. N. Lock arrived in New Zealand in December for three months travel throughout New Zealand. They stayed with Audrey & Fred Wood for the first week. Both Mr. & Mrs. Lock were accomplished esperantists, Mr. Lock a Licentiate of Esperanto, and Mrs. Lock a proficient actress. They had been in New Zealand twenty years previously, so therefore it was great to renew valued friendships.

**TWO NEW BOOKS WERE PUBLISHED** written by Mr. Bertram Potts, our well known New Zealand author of Esperanto books. "Facila Skeĉ Albumo" (A book of Simple Sketches) containing 100 short plays to read or for presentation. Dr. Marjorie Boulton warmly recommended the value of such a book.

"Kaverno apud la Maro" is the title of the second book published in 1985 and highly recommended to all Esperantists.

**WELLINGTON RONDO.** Two visitors attended the meeting in April. Mr. Jan van Gorp from Belgium gave a short talk and replied to many questions. Mr. John Boulton from Cromwell, South Island also contributed to the programme.

Nelson Hill recalled the early days of Esperanto in New Zealand and mentioned that a few years previously a young lady in the Club had gained the title "Miss New Zealand." He mentioned that a previous Prime Minister, Sir Joseph Ward and Minister of Education, Sir George Fowlds, together with the Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout were Patrons of the New Zealand Esperanto Society in the early days.

**OBITUARIES:** Miss Eileen V. Espiner, Auckland, passed away on 6th April 1985. Miss Espiner was a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society, and many members would remember her and her dear friend Miss Stephens as scholarly esperantists. Miss Espiner was enthusiastic for esperanto both in the Club and at Congresses. In her latter years, because of her health, she could not continue to attend the Auckland Club but she retained her interest in the Movement, continuing her studies until the last days of her life.

Mr. Steve Nolan, Wanganui, was an Esperantist of long standing. He was particularly good at drama, and entertained members of Congresses with humorous recitations.

Mr. William Elliott Currie died on 12th April, 1985 aged 93 years. Bill, as he was affectionately known by a wide circle of friends, was one of the earlier New Zealand pioneers of Esperanto and rendered signal service to the Movement for many years, particularly as President of the Lower Hutt Esperanto Club and editor of the Club's official organ.



Mr. Hans Maehl, Auckland, passed away suddenly in April. He was first mentioned in the "History of Esperanto in New Zealand", when in 1938 he attended a meeting where Mr. E. Lanti (of France) was present at the 9th Congress of NZEA. He lived in Wellington where he became an esperantist. He was a member of the Wellington Club before World War 2, and many will remember him as an enthusiastic esperantist and at one time UEA delegate. Seven years ago, he became a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society where he did good service as a Committee member. Hans was well liked in the Club for his kindness and friendliness. He was greatly missed.

Mrs. Jessie Dearnley, Wellington, wife of Ralph Dearnley, Vice President of NZEA for many years, passed away in 1985. She was a member of the Wellington Club and supported her husband in all the work he did for Esperanto.

Mrs. Alice Kennerley, Auckland, died on 3rd September 1985, aged 92 years. She was a long standing Esperantist and together with her husband very active in her younger days.

PALMERSTON NORTH. Mrs. Mary Browne spoke to the Senior Citizens Association and reported that she was unable to persuade any to learn Esperanto. While working as a voluntary aid in the hospital, she met a young farmer who was shortly due to travel to Canada and Denmark on the International Fair Exchange Scheme. He became interested in Esperanto when he heard of a farmer in Denmark who was an esperantist. Mrs. Browne provided him with text books, and after he was discharged from hospital assisted him by telephone. When he left the Manawatu District, he said that he would make sure that the text books were in his suitcase, and would use the language when he was overseas.

OVERSEAS VISITORS. Mr. & Mrs. N. Lock arrived in New Zealand in December for three months travel throughout New Zealand. They stayed with Audrey & Fred Wood for the first week. Both Mr. & Mrs. Lock were accomplished esperantists. Mr. Lock a licensee of Esperanto, and Mrs. Lock a prominent speaker. They had been in New Zealand twenty years previously, so therefore it was great to renew valued friendships.

TWO NEW BOOKS WERE PUBLISHED written by Mr. Bertam Punt, and well known New Zealand author of Esperanto books. "Facile Skas Alamo" (A book of Simple Sketches) containing 100 short plays to read or for presentation. Dr. Michèle Boulton warmly recommended the value of such a book. "Kavernoj sub la Muro" is the title of the second book published in 1985 and highly recommended to all esperantists.

WELLINGTON HONOR. Two visitors attended the meeting in April. Mr. Jan van Gorp from Belgium gave a short talk and replied to many questions. Mr. John Boulton from Cromwell, South Island also contributed to the programme.

NEILSON HILL recalled the early days of Esperanto in New Zealand and mentioned that a few years previously a young lady in the Club had gained the title "Miss New Zealand". He mentioned that a previous Prime Minister, Sir Joseph Ward and Minister of Education, Sir George Fowlds, together with the Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout were patrons of the New Zealand Esperanto Society in its early days.

OBITUARIES. Miss Ellen V. Fabian, Auckland, passed away on 31st April 1985. Miss Fabian was a member of the Auckland Esperanto Society, and many members would remember her and her dear friend Miss Stephens as especially esperantists. Miss Fabian was enthusiastic for Esperanto both in the Club and at Congresses. In her latter years, because of her health, she could not continue to attend the Auckland Club but she retained her interest in the Movement, continuing her studies until the last days of her life.

Mr. Steve Nolan, Wanganui, was an Esperantist of long standing. He was particularly good at grammar, and entertained members of Congresses with humorous lectures.

Mr. William Elliot Curtis died on 12th April, 1985 aged 83 years. He was affectionately known by a wide circle of friends, was one of the earlier New Zealand promoters of Esperanto and rendered signal service to the Movement for many years, particularly as President of the Lower Hutt Esperanto Club and editor of the Club's official organ.

**CLUB REPORTS**  
**AUCKLAND ESPERANTO SOCIETY**

**60th JUBILEE YEAR 1964**

On the Opening night, 11th February 1964, 30 members and interested beginners attended the Auckland Club in the Commonwealth Rooms, Queen Street. Advertisements had been inserted in both daily papers, the "Herald" and "The Auckland Star" and in 5 suburban newspapers. A "Personal" Advertisement was placed in both newspapers for 8 consecutive days. Bookmarks were printed and placed in Libraries.

**Teachers.** Mrs. Canty took the Advanced Group, Mr. K. Fowler the Intermediate Group, and the two Beginner Groups were taken by Mr. Fred Wood and Mr. Frank Hume. Three Ladies' Groups met during the day at Mrs. Canty's home, Mrs. Lymburn taking the Beginners. Mrs. Canty also taught 2 private pupils. Mrs. Aagaard after her return from overseas started a group at Howick.

Eight members attended the NZEA Congress from 28 December to 1 January 1964, which was held in Wellington. Three items were given by club members at the concert. Mrs. Canty and Mrs. A. Wood were in a short play, the complete Auckland group performed as a skiffle band, and Garth and Murray Wood played a pianoforte duet.

**Officers for the Year.** Mr. F. Hume had been appointed President for 1964, Mr. K. Fowler, Vice President; Mrs. A. Wood, secretary; Mr. F. Wood, treasurer; committee, Mrs. G. May, Mrs. E. Lymburn and Mrs. Y. Canty. Book Dept. Manager, Mr. P. Stronach.

**A Picnic** was held at Mr. McNamara's home at Browns Bay. Mrs. Worcester, a British esperantist was in Auckland and was able to meet 24 members and 10 teenagers and children at the picnic.

**Rondo.** The first of two-monthly all Esperanto evenings was held on 10th March when Mrs. Worcester showed slides and spoke about life in Japan where she had been living. Singing followed, after which Mr. & Mrs. Sam Taylor gave a Japanese dance to Japanese music.

On 4th April, with only 24 hours notice, an evening was arranged at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wood, when Dr. Ross Robbins of Canberra (originally a New Zealander) gave an evening's entertainment including slides of Thailand, Illusions and Ventriloquism. 19 members attended.

On 10th May, at our next all Esperanto evening, Mr. W. King told us about the advantages of travelling on your own. Two sketches were given.

**Mrs. Aagaard's Return:** After Mrs. Aagaard returned from travelling abroad using Esperanto, she received requests to address groups about the International Language as well as her travels. Some of the groups were: Inglewood Presbyterian Church, slides and talk, 80 present; Kohimarama Presbyterian Women's Club, 40 - 50 present; St. Martin's Presbyterian Women's Club, 40 present; Housewives' Club, Auckland City, 20 present; ANZ Wives, Farmers' Blue Room.

**On Booknight,** 28th July, Beginners from Howick and the Ladies Group attended. A tape was played featuring Dr. Adcock and Mrs. Harvey giving question and answer about esperanto. Mrs. Aagaard showed more of her slides of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, East and West Germany and France.

**Used Stamps.** Mrs. Y. Canty and Mrs. Rita Aagaard did outstanding work in the Used Stamp Department. 50,000 used stamps had been sent to UEA, 15,000 of them coming from the Auckland area. Miss Edge was the principle donor. As New Zealand had sent in the highest number of stamps, Mrs. Canty received a book, "Danish Antologio" which she passed on to NZEA.

**The Book Dept.** did well during the year. Sales totalled £81. 3. 3. Books sold at the Jubilee amounted to £20. 6. 3

**The Jubilee Celebrations** were held on the weekend of 12th & 13th September 1964 to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the commencement of Esperanto in New Zealand. The first Public Meeting was held on 5th December 1904, after which the first New Zealand Esperanto Society was formed. (Full details on page 9 of "Esperanto in New Zealand" by Wm. H. King) and (Full details of the Celebrations held in 1964 on page 5 of this book.)

**Zamenhof Evening** was held on 12th December in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wood when Mrs. Aagaard gave her impressions of Esperanto in use in Europe, and Dr. Hamvai's topic was "La Brilanta Stelo" (The Shining Star). Christmas carols were sung in Esperanto.

**1965**

Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood and Mr. W. King attended the NZEA Congress in Christchurch from 28th December 1964 to 1st January 1965. Mrs. A. Wood was the Auckland Club delegate, and Mr. Wood acted as delegate for Takapuna Club.

**Officers for 1965** were, President, Mrs. Rita Aagaard; Vice President, Mr. F. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. A. Wood; Treasurer, Mr. F. Wood; Committee, Mrs. Canty, Mrs. E. Lymburn, Mr. F. Hume and Mr. P. Stronach.

**New Clubrooms.** The Auckland Club met this year in the Red Cross Rooms, 51 Symond Street. Though not quite as central, they provided separate rooms for classes. Mrs. Aagaard taught all the Beginners, and Mrs. Canty the Intermediates and Advanced. A new group of Beginners was formed in the middle of the year, and Mrs. Lymburn became their teacher. A Speaking Group was started but suffered from lack of members. A Ladies Morning Group was held in the home of Mrs. Canty, 11 St. Francis de Sale Street, Ponsonby.

**Membership.** There were 62 financial members (28 beginners) and 1 supporting member.

Dr. Rosa Scolnik of Argentina, Dr. of Medicine and Botany, and who spoke 5 languages attended the Club Opening and spoke to the club members and afterwards joined in with the Speaking Group. She was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. A. Wiltshire.

**Publicity.** Mr. K. Fowler was interviewed on Station 1ZB and took full advantage of the opportunity to prove the advantages of Esperanto as an International language. This was followed up with an advertisement over the Radio.

Information about Esperanto was sent to 80 schools in Auckland, and letters were sent to all Intermediate School Parent & Teachers Associations offering to supply a speaker at any of their meetings.

Mr. K. Fowler designed a new poster for display at the Auckland Railway Station.

Mrs. Aagaard gave 12 talks during the year about her trip overseas, and at each meeting she distributed "Esperanto at a Glance".

**Centenarian.** Congratulatory Greetings were sent by the Club to Miss Luplau of Howick who had learnt Esperanto in her early years. Three members of the Club visited her. An article about her written by Mr. McIntock later appeared in the "NZ. Esperantist" and "La Praktiko." At one time Miss Luplau owned a shop in Symond Street and had allowed the Esperanto Society to meet above the shop.

**The Annual Picnic** was held at the holiday home of Mr. M. McNamara of Browns Bay at which a large group of Club members attended.

**Social Evenings.** On May 10th a Social Evening was held in the Clubrooms, when other Clubs were invited and also interested esperantists to see the films, "Bonvenon al Oslo", "La Nov-Zelandanoj" and "Jen Aŭstralio." 40 attended this function.

A Farewell Social was held on 10th June to farewell Mrs. Canty and Mr. W. King who were leaving New Zealand for the UEA Congress, Tokyo. Mrs. Canty was the official New Zealand delegate.

On September 4th in the home of Mrs. Aagaard, 30 esperantists welcomed Mrs. Canty home after her trip to Tokyo. She spoke of her experiences and showed slides of Japan.

**Overseas Visitors.** Dr. Rosa Scolnik, 10th February; On 2nd September, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Lock, an English couple who had come to live in Wairoa for two years as a teacher exchange. Mrs. Lock taught drama and they travelled extensively on their motor scooter. On 21st September, Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Brodie called in at Auckland on their way to Australia. On 2nd October, Mr & Mrs. Peterson, USA, stayed with Mrs. Aagaard while they were in Auckland.

**Used Stamps.** Outstanding work was done by Mrs. Canty and Mrs. Aagaard in cleaning and sending 82,000 stamps to UEA. Again the prize came to New Zealand, Dante's "Dia Komedio," which was passed on to NZEA. 14,000 stamps came from the Auckland Club.

**History of Esperanto in New Zealand.** The Auckland Club paid £3.10.0 in advance for their copy.

**International Co-operation Year.** As a contribution to International Co-operation Year, Esperantists the world over had been soliciting signatures for the use of Esperanto as an international language to further the spirit of friendly relations between nations. Members of the Auckland Esperanto Society signed and worked to complete a number of Petition Forms.

**Publicity.** Articles sent by Mr. F. Fleming, NZEA Publicity Officer were published in daily and suburban newspapers in Auckland.

**Social Trip.** On October 9th, the Auckland Society arranged a trip to Mangere Aerodrome to see the new Airport. A large number of esperantists came, making it necessary to hire two buses. This was a success both socially and financially.

**Zamenhof Evenings.** Three committee members visited the New Lynn Club for their Closing Function on November 18th.

Six members visited the Whangarei Club for their Zamenhof Celebration and were also the guests of Club members for the night. Those from Auckland were, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Wiltshire, Mrs. Yvon Canty, Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wood.

The Auckland Esperanto celebrated Zamenhof Evening on December 6th 1965 when 40 esperantists were present. Mr. W. McIntock and Mr. Bob Perfect were speakers. Musical items



were given by the Kay family, Allison, Gavin and Andrew.

Several club members joined with the members of the Papatoetoe Group to participate in their final festivities for the year.

## 1966

**Officers:** President, Mr. F.E. Wood; Vice President, Mr. P. Stronach; Secretary, Mrs. A. Wood; Treasurer, Mr. F. Hume; Committee, Mrs. Aagaard, Miss D. Holmes, Mr. Edge & Mr. Jones; Book Dept., Mr. P. Stronach.

**Membership** was 44.

**Teachers:** Mrs. Lymburn, Beginners; Mrs. Aagaard, Intermediates; Mr. F. Wood guided the Speaking Group. Mrs. Canty taught the Morning Group in her home.

**101st Birthday.** Three members visited Miss Luplau when she celebrated her birthday which received some publicity. The Club sent her flowers.

Quite a large article was printed in the "Herald" and "The Auckland Star" written by Mr. McLintock.

**Overseas Visitors:** Mr. Goldsmith, founder of the Esperanto Publishing Co. visited Auckland during January. Mr. & Mrs. Wood organised a "Get Together" in their home on 15th January in order that Auckland Esperantists could meet him. He was a past secretary of UEA, and 19 years secretary of BEA.

In March, Miss Prent from Essex, England visited the Club and showed a film of her trip through Australia. Dr. J. Scolnik from Argentina spoke at the Club and an evening was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wood when Esperantists heard more of his life in South America.

Two ladies from Holland completed our list of overseas visitors for the year.

**Picnic.** Miss Prent and the two ladies from Holland were in Auckland at the right time to attend the Picnic at Mr. McNamara's home, Browns Bay, and enjoyed a pleasant day with Auckland Esperantists. Very sadly, his property was required for a Post Office, and as the rates had risen to astronomical proportions, he was forced to sell. Mr. McNamara was thanked for his hospitality over a long period of years.

**Booknight.** A special programme was arranged for this special night. After looking at and buying books, the group had lessons for ¾ hour followed by slides of Hong Kong by Mrs. Canty.

A Stall was held at the International Fair at the Showgrounds on Saturday, August 20th which was organised by the Mt. Roskill Lions' Club. Members manned the stall throughout the day and evening. Special thanks were expressed to Mr. A. Wiltshire who sold all our small booklets.

The Regional Weekend proved to be exceptionally enjoyable as all who attended expressed deep appreciation of the programme and planning done by the Auckland Club. 74 supported the weekend, some coming from Dargaville, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wairoa, Wanganui and Whangarei. The main speakers were Dr. J. Hamvai and Mr. N. Lock, Licentiate of Esperanto, Mr. S.N. Smith, Mr. S.R.(Bob) Perfect and Mr. W. King. Mrs. Irene Lock gave Drama items which were extremely professional and enjoyable. Mrs. J. Wilson and Mr. Higgot played musical instruments and the Kay children also performed. Several people have since commented how much their esperanto had improved as a result of the weekend.

**Petition to United Nations.** Many members did good work when they obtained signatures for the petition to United Nations for Esperanto to be used as an international second language.

The secretary, Mrs. Audrey Wood wrote to 45 members of Parliament for their signatures.

**Used Stamps.** Mrs. Canty and Mrs. Aagaard had done untiring and invaluable work in sending 60,000 used stamps to UEA, 10,000 of which came from the Auckland Club.

**Zamenhof Evening programme:** Mrs. Y. Canty gave a talk on "Early History of Esperanto" and Mrs. Aagaard recited some examples of Esperanto poetry.

## 1967

**Officers:** President, Mr. P. Stronach; Vice President, Mrs. Aagaard; Secretary, as no-one was available, Mr. Stronach agreed to fill this office until one was appointed. Treasurer, Miss D. Holmes; Committee, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Canty, Mrs. Wood and Mr. I. Jones.

**Teachers.** Mrs. C. Larsen taught the Beginners; Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mrs. E. Lymburn taught Intermediates, and Mrs. Wood gave invaluable help with Beginners who joined later in the year. Mrs. Canty maintained the Speaking Group and conducted classes when a teacher was absent. Mrs. Canty also continued with the Morning Group in her own home.

**NZEA Congress in Dunedin.** Mrs. Canty was the official Auckland Club delegate who, together with Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood attended the 32nd NZEA Congress. The play, presented by the Wood family for the Drama Trophy, although not gaining 1st place, was very well received.

**Publicity:** At the request of the Papatoetoe Branch of Rotary International for a speaker on

Esperanto, Miss E. Stephens gave an address at a luncheon meeting.

Mrs. Aagaard and Mrs. Canty took part in a discussion on the language at a committee meeting of the Panmure Branch of Rotary.

Information about Esperanto had been given to many inquirers during the year.

**Book Dept.** Mrs. Larsen was in charge of the Book Dept., and Mrs. Aagaard in charge of the Library.

The Annual Picnic was held at Wenderholm, members and friends travelling by private car to this popular picnic spot where a very enjoyable day was spent.

**Leave of Absence:** Mr. Peter Stronach announced on 25th May that he was unable to attend Club meetings for 6 months owing to business commitments. It was decided that the Vice President, Mrs. Aagaard act during his absence. Mr. I. Jones would be Minute secretary.

An Esperanto Weekend was again organised for the Region. Over 70 esperantists attended from Whangarei, Dargaville, Tauranga and Hamilton. The programme was varied, and included a debate. The Auckland and Whangarei Clubs debated the merits of country and town life.

**Television.** The outstanding event of the weekend was the attendance of television cameras and the subsequent presentation on AKTV2 the same evening. This resulted in widespread publicity for Esperanto throughout the Auckland province.

**Used Stamps:** Mrs. Aagaard and Mrs. Canty sent a total of 159,000 stamps overseas to Mr. P. Zacho. 18,000 were contributed by the Auckland Club. Again New Zealand was successful in gaining 1st prize for sending the greatest number of stamps.

**Rondoj** were continued during the year every 2 months when Esperanto only was spoken.

**Obituary:** It was reported that Mr. G. Clouston had passed away in July 1967. He was secretary of the Auckland Society in 1963.

## 1968

**Officers:** President, Mrs. Rita Aagaard; Vice President, Mrs. C. Larsen; Secretary, Mr. F. Hume; Treasurer, Miss D. Holmes; Committee, Mrs. A. Wood, Mrs. J. Siddall, Mr. I. Jones, and Mr. P. Richards.

Membership was 52, a slight increase.

At a Special General Meeting held on 11th March, Mrs. Canty was elected a Life Member of the Auckland Esperanto Society in recognition of the long and valued service she had rendered for Esperanto, the Auckland Club and NZEA.

**Wedding Bells.** Congratulations and Best Wishes were extended to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Richards who were married in May. Maureen and Peter met at our Esperanto classes.

The Annual Picnic was held at Wenderholm. Later several of our members accepted an invitation from the New Lynn Esperanto Club to join with them for their picnic along the Scenic Drive.

The Regional Weekend Meeting, 14th & 15th September attracted esperantists from Christchurch, Wanganui, Whangarei and Hamilton. As usual, local esperantists successfully planned a good programme and worked hard in the kitchen supplying lunches and teas.

**Used Stamps:** 110,000 stamps were sent overseas in support of UEA. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mrs. Yvon Canty.

**Zamenhof Evening** was held on 12th December when visitors from suburban Clubs were made welcome. Two Japanese esperantists were guests of honour. Mr. Issobe discussed progress in the field of computer language translators, and Prof. S. Hori showed slides of typical Japanese trees and flowers, his home, and the University where he lectures and other interesting places in Japan. Mr. Bob Perfect, our Auckland guest speaker also entertained the gathering.

**Photo Album.** Mr. Peter Richards donated a photo album to the Club to record special occasions.

## 1969

**NZEA Congress.** Ten Auckland members attended the NZEA Congress in Blenheim, 2nd to 6th January 1969.

The Auckland Esperanto Society continued to meet in the Red Cross Rooms, 51 Symond St.

**Officers:** President, Mrs. Aagaard, Vice President, Mrs. Larsen; Secretary, Mr. L. King; Treasurer, Mrs. Harvey; Minute Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Committee, Mrs. A. Wood, Mrs. Siddall; Auditor, Mr. Kay.

Advertising at the beginning of the year showed a poor response. The Club had advertised in the suburban and two daily papers and in the personal column and placed notices in shop windows.

**Membership:** As Dr. Hamvai did not continue his class at Avondale College, his students joined our Club. Financial members were 39, with 1 student and 1 supporting member. A drop of 13

members from last year.

**Teachers** were Mrs. Y. Canty, Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mrs. C. Larsen and Miss E. Stephens. Mrs. E. Lymburn and Mrs. A. Wood assisted when needed. A Speaking Group was started at the beginning of the year, but invariably one of the members was called on to teach, so it never really got under way.

**The Picnic** was held at Long Bay on Sunday 9th March and was well supported by Club members and their families, old members of the Club and esperantists from other Clubs. Miss Hill, Takapuna, amused the youngsters by flying a special kite. Many members enjoyed a swim and a walk around the rocks.

**Building Fund.** The Club owes a great deal to Mrs. J. Siddall who has worked non-stop and with enthusiasm for our Building Fund. Club members assisted by buying articles for sale on the stall and buying raffle tickets, but it was Mrs. Siddall who made the articles and got everything ready for the sale.

**Book Night** held on 21st July clashed with the historic "First Landing on the Moon", so attendance was not as good as usual. Members present looked at the books on display and various people gave book reviews. Dr. Hamvai spoke about an Esperantist missionary in Africa.

**The September Weekend** proved to be very enjoyable. Guest speakers were Mr. B. Potts and Dr. J. Hamvai. 77 Esperantists registered and there were 4 supporting members.

**Resignation:** Mr. L. King, our secretary had applied for work at Waiuku at the new steel works and therefore found it necessary to resign. Mrs. A. Wood agreed to be secretary.

**Used Stamps:** Mrs. Rita Aagaard sent 111,000 stamps overseas and gained 2nd place.

## 1970

14 Members of the Auckland Society attended the 35th NZEA Congress Napier from 3 to 7 January 1970.

**Change of Clubrooms.** As the Red Cross were building, it was certain that the Club would be forced to move, and it seemed logical that the rent would be high in a new building and our finances would be strained. After looking for a suitable Hall, it was decided to meet at the Friends Hall, 113 Mt. Eden Road which was very suitable with separate rooms for classes and these rooms were cheaper. It was quite interesting to learn that the Auckland Society had met in this same Hall during the 1st World War!

**Officers.** President, Mrs. Larsen; Vice President, Mrs. J. Siddall; Secretary, Mrs. A. Wood; Minute Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. D. Lea; Committee, Mrs. Aagaard, Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Harvey.

**Membership:** 37 full members, 3 Life Members and 3 Associate members. Life members were Mr. C. Brandon, Mr. W. King and Mrs. Y. Canty.

**Teachers.** There were 3 classes. Beginners, Mrs. Larsen; Intermediates, Mrs. Canty; Advanced Group, Miss E. Stephens. Mrs. Aagaard, Mrs. A. Wood and Mr. Fred Wood were ready to assist if new members came along during the year.

**Publicity:** Mrs. Aagaard was interviewed by the "Central Leader" for a "write up" to be published.

The Auckland Society arranged to have a stall at Potters Park on 24th February when other charitable organisations were invited to do the same. This was organised by the Epsom-Eden Lions Club. Mrs. Joan Siddall supplied a quantity of sewing and basket ware and donations of food and other items were made. A quantity of balloons were printed with the word "Esperanto" and these were quickly sold out. There were also brochures on Esperanto, books and bookmarks on display as well as Esperanto books.

**Picnic:** The picnic to Campbells Bay had to be cancelled on 2 occasions owing to inclement weather.

**Building Fund.** A Wine Evening was held on 13th May to raise funds for the Building Investment A/c. This proved very popular and a great success. Members not interested in tasting wine gave a donation to the Building Fund.

**Television Programme:** Some of the members took part in the Television Programme "Personality Squares" in order to publicise Esperanto and to make money for the Building Fund. They did exactly that, making \$75.00.

**Regional Weekend:** As the National Congress was to be held next January in Auckland, it was decided to hold the Regional Weekend over Queen's Birthday Weekend, 30th May to 1st June. Numerically it was not the usual success, but in every other respect, it was a good and enjoyable weekend. Dr. John Hamvai was our guest speaker.

**New Constitution.** During the year, our President, Mrs. Larsen spent much time preparing a new Constitution for the Society as it was considered advisable to become an Incorporated Society, and a change to the rules was necessary. The Building Fund was the reason for this decision.



Mr. W. Edge, a past member of the Club and a lawyer, was of incalculable assistance in both an advisory capacity and in preparing and typing the new rules. Mr. Edge also offered to pay the costs of Incorporation.

A General Meeting was called for 6th October to finalise and approve the new Constitution.

**Book Dept.:** Mr. & Mrs. D. Lea managed the Book Department.

**Used Stamps:** Mrs. Aagaard sent 40,000 cleaned stamps away to Mr. Zacho, and Mrs. Canty sent 30,000. Both ladies were specially thanked for their work.

Zamenhof Evening was held on 1st December 1970 when New Lynn Club and the International Language Society together with pupils from the Northcote Intermediate School combined to celebrate the occasion. Their teacher, Mr. Brian Fox played the guitar, and the children sang a bracket of Esperanto songs. Mr. Perfect gave an interesting talk on "Has the United Nations Organisation helped towards World Peace?" Discussion followed.

## 1971

**NZEA 35th Congress** was held in Rocklands Hall, 187 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, Auckland from 6th to 10th January 1971. A snag for the organisers developed. They had to do all the washing up themselves. That, and ensuring that everyone was in by locking up time (10.30pm) proved quite difficult. Special thanks were given to Mr. Ian Jones who worked like a trojan in the kitchen and to members who assisted him. Special thanks were also expressed to Mrs. Joan Siddall for her work on the stall for the Building Fund.

**Officers:** President, Mr. F. Hume; Vice President, Mrs. J. Siddall; Secretary, Mrs. A. Wood; Treasurer, Mr. I. Jones; Committee, Mrs. Z. Harvey, Miss Eichler, Mrs. Faithful and Mr. B. Moore.

**Membership:** There were 30 members, 9 Associate and 3 Life members. Average attendance was 17.

**Stall at Potter's Park.** Although the Club was asked to run a stall in February, the Executive felt the cost was too high and decided against it.

**Bereavement:** We record the passing of Miss Luplau, oldest Esperantist in New Zealand. Mrs. Siddall, the Vice President had visited her on her 106th Birthday in February. Mrs. Siddall and Mr. Hume attended her funeral in March and Mrs. Hume kindly arranged for flowers to be sent from the Club.

**Picnic:** An enjoyable picnic was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey, 245 Beach Road, Campbells Bay. A beautiful day encouraged a good gathering of esperantists, some of whom cooled off in the sea while others watched the "One Ton Cup".

**Overseas Visitors:** Mr. Zilles and Dr. Spruch (a lady) from Germany and an esperantist from Norway visited Auckland. Special programmes were arranged for the first and second visitors, but as the third arrived unexpectedly, we were not in a position to make any arrangements. Dr. Spruch told the gathering about herself and her travels, and Mrs. Aagaard showed slides of New Zealand. Mr. Zilles was a penfriend of both Mr. K. Fowler and Mr. R. Clarkson who both came to the meeting.

**A Wine Evening** was held on 28th April to boost the funds of our Building Account. \$51.00 was made for the fund. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Siddall and her daughter for selling so many tickets.

**Link Immigrant Organisation.** The Auckland Esperanto Society decided to become a member of the "Link" at a cost of one penny per member per annum which entitled the Club to free advertising in their monthly newspaper.

**Finances:** The Club's finances were satisfactory. The weekly fee was increased from 10 cents to 20 cents for 1971. There had been no increase for 10 years. The annual subscription was in addition to this. In May, \$1200.00 was invested for 3 years at 7½% from our Building Fund Account in order to obtain higher interest rates.

**Booknight** was held on 27th July when interesting talks about books were given.

**Used Stamps:** 70,000 stamps were sent away to UEA by Mrs. Aagaard.

**Esperanto Regional Weekend** was another success. Visitors attended from Whangarei in the north to Wellington in the south. A pleasing aspect was the number of people who took part in short talks and presented plays. The visitors to the Club afterwards congratulated the organisers on a great weekend of Esperanto.

**Secretary's Report:** The Annual Report to 30th September summed up the year's work: The Club thanked Mr. F. Hume, the President, for his fine leadership and to Mrs. Joan Siddall, the Vice President who had been the driving force for our Building Fund over the years. Without her, the fund would scarcely have existed. Her work, therefore, has been very much appreciated. To teachers and all officers of the Club, the secretary extended her appreciation for a good year.

**Accident.** It was with grave concern, therefore, that in October, we heard that Mrs. Aagaard while on her way to the Club, had been knocked over by a car, and sustained severe injuries which

kept her in hospital for 9 months. Her accident was a great shock. Mrs. Aagaard was a very active member and teacher of the Senior Group and was very much missed by the members.

**Zamenhof Evening, 7th December, Miss Gladys Jones was guest speaker.**

## 1972

**Officers:** President, Mrs. Audrey Wood; Vice President, Mr. J. Baker; Secretary, Mr. F. Hume; Treasurer & Minute Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Committee members, Mrs. S. Thompson, Mrs. E. Burton and Miss R. Eichler. Book Dept. Manager, Mrs P. Lea.

**Bereavement:** We record with regret the passing of Mr. William Hudson King, Life Member of the Auckland Society who died on 24th January 1972. Bill was one of the foremost esperantists in New Zealand, always willing to be a speaker at the Club meetings and a very fluent esperantist. A full report of his activities is reported in the early part of this book.

**At the Opening, 8 new members joined but as usual, some dropped out.**

**Membership:** 37 full members, 12 associate and 2 Life members. Average attendance, 24.

**Teachers:** Mr. F. Hume taught the Beginners; Mrs. A. Wood, Intermediates and Mr. J. Baker took the Senior class. A Speaking Group met fairly regularly.

**The Annual Picnic** was again held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey, Campbells Bay, on a beautiful day when 25 esperantists enjoyed the friendly hospitality and good company.

**Progressive Dinner.** This was a new innovation for the Club and was arranged for 17th June when 48 participated and voted it a huge success. Sincere thanks were expressed to the hosts and hostesses for their hospitality. After dinner, the evening was devoted to viewing slides in Mr. & Mrs. Wood's home.

**Booknight** was held on 25th July. A display of books was a feature of the evening with the opportunity to buy, and a talk on the value of books was given.

**Patron.** On his return from a Stockholm Conference, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Mayor of Auckland, mentioned in his report about the language difficulties at the Conference and the necessity to overcome the problem. His interest in the subject prompted the secretary to invite him to accept the office of Patron of the Auckland Society. The Club members were gratified when he accepted.

**The Weekend Regional Meeting** was held on 9th & 10th September. Visitors came from beyond the Auckland area, making a total of 56. The social and financial success was due to the enthusiasm of all, and the generosity of those who supplied very delectable food at no cost to the Club. Esperanto was spoken throughout the day.

**Zamenhof Evening** was held on 5th December when Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mrs. Ruth Aitken were the speakers. It was a great joy to see and hear Mrs. Aagaard a year after her accident and convalescence, and also to listen to Mrs. Aitken after her world trip.

## 1973

**The Club Opened** on 13th February with several new members. Officers for 1973 were, Patron, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson; President, Mr. Jim Baker; Vice President, Mrs. A. Wood; Secretary, Mr. F. Hume; Treasurer and Minute Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Committee, Mrs. E. Burton, Mrs. S. Thompson, Mrs. E. Lymburn and Mr. S. Nelson. Mrs. E. Lymburn, Book Dept. Manager, and Mr. Voisey, Auditor.

**Membership:** 38 Full members, 8 Associate members and 3 Life Members.

**Life Membership:** A Special General Meeting was held to confer Life Membership on Mr. A.G. Wiltshire who for many years had worked for Esperanto and the Esperanto Movement.

**Picnic:** This was held at Wenderholm when 32 esperantists enjoyed the day together.

**Finance:** In May the Auckland Club invested a further \$800 in A.G.C. for 3 years at 6.5%. The generosity of members supplying food for the Esperanto Weekend at no cost to the Auckland Club helped to boost a surplus of money in the Bank, and together with the interest from our previous investment enabled the Club to put more money aside for the Building Fund.

**Books Donated:** Mrs. Halcrow donated her late husband's esperanto books to the Club. Mr. Halcrow had been a keen member for several years.

**The Regional Weekend** was held on 9th & 10th September when 56 Esperantists from Keri Keri in the north to Wellington in the south came to Auckland. A variety of good speakers were able to attend, namely Mr. Bob Perfect, (Language Sessions), Mr. Dave MacGill (on Japan) Mr. Dennis Pease (Germany), Mr. Mat Carver (Orient with slides) and Mrs. Colleen Larsen (NZEA Exams.)

**Obituary:** Mrs Lila Wiltshire passed away on 9th October 1973. She joined the Society in 1948 and was a delegate for Peace for UEA. The Esperanto Society in Auckland showed their love and respect by being well represented at the funeral.

**Overseas Visitors:** In November, the Club welcomed Mr. & Mrs Louis Stein from San Diego, California who were in Auckland for a few days and visited the Club on 20th November.

**Zamenhof Evening, 4th December,** the newly elected President, Mr. Fred Wood, spoke on the first Esperanto Congress in 1905, and Dr. J. Hamvai told about his recent visit to Hungary and Europe. Dr. Hamvai donated two copies of his book "Sklavoj de Dio" which he had translated from the Hungarian literature, and two of the members were lucky enough to receive them after they were raffled.

## 1974

**Officers were:** Patron, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson; President, Mr. Fred Wood; Vice President, Mrs. Audrey Wood; Secretary, Mr. F. Hume; Treasurer, Mr. Jim Baker; Assistant Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Committee, Miss S. Hill, Mrs. G. Davis, Mr. S.M. Nelson; Book Dept., Mrs. E. Lymburn. Publicity, Mrs. M. Hobbs; Auditor, Mr. D. Voisey.

**Membership:** Full members 32; Associate 8 and 2 Life members. Club opened 12th February.

**Picnic:** The Annual Picnic was held at Huia, Manukau Harbour, on 9th March. It was a beautiful day. Walks through the bush and swims in the Bay provided the esperantists with plenty to see and to do.

**Booknight:** New books were available to browse through and buy in order to support the Movement.

**Overseas Visitors:** In July, Mr. Asbjorn Nielson (Norway) and his wife Tamiko passed through Auckland and were the guests of Audrey and Fred Wood. Tamiko was interviewed on TV. and a report and photograph of Tamiko was inserted in both the main daily papers. In her interviews, Tamiko emphasized the value of Esperanto on her world trip.

Mrs. Amy Kimberley from Perth, Australia, stayed in Auckland for some months. She came to the Club for lessons and was a keen esperantist.

**Obituary:** Our esteemed Life Member, Mr. A.J. Wiltshire passed away on 30th August. His work throughout New Zealand was well known, and his death was a great loss to the Movement. A full report is in the front part of this book.

**The Popular Regional Weekend** took place on 14th & 15th September. On Saturday it was held in the Clubrooms, 113 Mt. Eden Rd., and on Sunday in the home of Fred and Audrey Wood. The meeting was a success both socially and financially for which thanks was expressed to those who worked so hard.

**Finance:** This year the Club invested \$1500 in first mortgage. The generosity of our members and the surplus from the weekend function is responsible for our sound position.

**Books Donated:** Mrs. M. White of Helensville donated some Esperanto books to the Auckland Society Library.

**Zamenhof Evening, 10th December** was celebrated in the home of Mrs. Rita Aagaard when a large group of members and visitors attended. Speakers were Dr. J. Hamvai and Mrs. M. Proctor, a distinguished esperantist from England who was on a visit to New Zealand.

## 1975

**At the Opening of the Club** on 11th February, there were very few beginners, but later in the year a few new people enrolled.

**The Officers for 1975** were re-elected except for Mr. Garth Wood who was elected Auditor.

**Mrs Canty's 80th Birthday** was celebrated in the Clubrooms. A large group of esperantists, both old and new gathered to greet Mrs. Canty, and speakers recalled the sterling work she had done over many years as a member and teacher in the Club. Mr. Cyril Brandon, the oldest member of the Society proposed a toast to Mrs. Canty in which everyone joined to offer their congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. Fred Wood and Dr. Hamvai spoke appreciatively of the good work done by many past members of the Society, who, through failing health, were no longer able to take an active part. Mrs. Canty was called on to cut the cake, appropriately decorated with a large green star and to accept a gift.

**Bonvoiage** were the wishes expressed to Mr. & Mrs. Aagaard prior to an extended trip to Europe. Altogether it was voted a pleasant, relaxed farewell evening with good wishes from the Club.

**Outings.** During the year, a number of members took part in several very enjoyable outings. Places visited were Parakai Domain, Helensville; North Head and the Cascades in the Waitakere Ranges.

**Auditor:** Mr. Garth Wood left New Zealand to work in Australia. He would be missed from the meetings as well as for his work as auditor of the Auckland Society. The members wished him



success in his new venture.

Mr. I. Thompson, husband of one of our members agreed to become auditor.

**Obituary:** Mr. Frank Hume, secretary of the Auckland Esperanto Society passed away very suddenly on 1st July. Frank had been a member for many years, and at the time of his death he had been secretary for 3½ years. He ably filled this position maintaining a high standard of reporting and letter writing. His esperanto books were donated to the Club by Mrs. Hume, and his text books held in the club for the use of teachers. Other books were given to NZEA Library for posterity and a few were bought by members. (More details in early part of this book.)

**Overseas Visitors:** In addition to Mrs. Proctor, the Club welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Eino Loooris from Tasmania, Mr. & Mrs. Hammock, USA. and Dr. Schmidt, Switzerland.

The 12th Regional Weekend took place on 13th & 14th September which 35 Esperantists attended, including visitors from Wellington, Upper Hutt and Te Awamutu. The President opened the meeting with a short account of the beginnings of our Society, and a call to us to continue the work of the pioneers. Short talks were given and discussions took place in which everyone joined. The main speaker was Dr. Hamvai whose subject was "Neologisms" and he asked, "Are they necessary?" Once again, dinner at the Peking Restaurant proved popular. On the Sunday, the gathering met at the home of Fred & Audrey Wood, an informal and enjoyable ending to the weekend.

Zamenhof Evening held on 2nd December was celebrated by singing and talks by prominent speakers.

## 1976

**Officers for the year** were Patrons, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson and Mrs. Y. Canty; President, Mr. F. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. A. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. G. Davis; Assistant Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. J. Baker; Committee, Mrs. M. Hobbs, Miss S. Hill, Mr. S. Nelson, Mr. L. McAuley and Mrs. Kaplan. Book Dept., Mrs. E. Lymburn.

**Advertising:** 10,000 bookmarks were printed giving information about Esperanto and the Club. These were distributed to libraries in Central Auckland, Mt. Eden, Avondale, Leys Institute, New Lynn, Remuera, Grey Lynn, Mt. Albert, Panmure. University, Pakuranga, Takapuna, Devonport and to several High Schools.

There was an enquiry from the Headmaster, Swanson School concerning the teaching of Esperanto.

**1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne.** Eight members attended this Congress from the Auckland Club.

The Picnic was held at Mrs. Dodd's holiday home, Hatfields Beach, when an overseas visitor, Mrs. Robertson from Australia attended.

**Regional Meeting:** Owing to the National Congress being held in Auckland in January 1977, it was decided to hold a one day Regional Meeting instead of a weekend. Saturday, 11th September was the date when the programme selected was a Language Session, group discussion, singing and games, followed by a visit to a restaurant. Mrs. Siddall offered her home for the evening.

**TV Quiz.** The Auckland Club submitted the name of Ralph Dearnley for the TV Quiz programme as this would be good advertising for Esperanto. (Ralph was at one time "King of Quiz.")

**Zamenhof Evening:** Mrs. Lymburn read an account written by Lydia Zamenhof of experiences during the early days of the Movement and Mrs. Rita Aagaard gave a slide presentation of Russia.

## 1977

**NZEA Congress** was held in Auckland from 4 - 7 January 1977 at Grafton Hall. The Congress Committee was drawn from members of the Auckland Society who were congratulated on the outstanding arrangements which ensured the unqualified success of the Congress and the enjoyment of all participating. 125 esperantists enrolled and 75 lived in.

**Drama Shield:** It should be noted that The Auckland Club won the Drama Shield at this Congress.

**Officers for the year** were: Patrons, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Mayor of Auckland; Mr. Richard Prebble M.P. and Mrs. Y. Canty. President, Mrs. A.G. Wood; Vice President, Mr. F. E. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. Rita Aagaard; Assist. Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. J. Baker; Book Dept. Mrs. E. Lymburn; Committee, Mrs. M. Hobbs, G. Davis, S. Thompson, Miss S. Hill, Mr. L. McAuley and Mr. H. Sweney.

**Membership:** 2 Life members, 30 Full members and 3 Associate. Despite advertising at the beginning of the year, only 2 new students attended, but sadly these disappeared.

**Classes:** Junior Group, Mrs. Lymburn; Intermediates, Mr. F. Wood; Seniors, Mrs. R. Aagaard.

The Picnic was again held at Mrs. Dodd's home, Hatfields Beach. The sea close by and a fine sunny day created the right atmosphere for informality and friendship.

In March, Esperantists and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Siddall for a barbecue. The pleasant surroundings, fine weather and abundance of food guaranteed a happy time for all. Mr. & Mrs. Siddall were thanked for placing their home and grounds at the disposal of the Club.

About 20 members and friends attended a concert at the Auckland Town Hall for "Friends of Robbie" in honour of Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, a patron of the Auckland Society.

Poster: In July, an attractive poster arrived from Mr. van Dessel of Dunedin and placed in the Railway Station.

Booknight, an occasion to mark the publication of the first book in Esperanto and to encourage the sale of Esperanto books was held in July. Members gave book reviews and a fine display of new books encouraged satisfactory sales.

Regional Weekend was held on 10th and 11th September 1977 when 25 esperantists took part. Although numbers were not as great as previous years, a spirit of goodwill and friendship and the excellent arrangements made the occasion as enjoyable as ever. The main speakers were, Mr. C. Brandon, Mr. Bob Perfect, Mr. D. Pease, while Miss Gladys Jones and Mrs. Betty Kaplan spoke entertainingly for shorter periods. Discussion groups, a Quiz and singing completed the programme, after which we proceeded to the "Landing" at Mission Bay for dinner, and concluded the day at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Siddall where Mrs. Lymburn presented most interesting slides of her recent visit to China.

On Sunday, a large group met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Aagaard when the highlight of the evening was a talk by Ivan Pivac on "Winemaking."

The visitor to the Weekend, Mr. David Rockell brought greetings from NZEA and discussed the possibility of arranging a programme about Esperanto on "Access" for TV presentation. No decision was reached.

Obituary: It was with regret that the Club recorded the passing of Miss E.E. Stephens, on 13th July, who, in spite of failing health, did much valued work for Esperanto. She was in great demand as a teacher in the Club and in giving talks at special meetings. She also helped with checking Bill King's book, "Esperanto in New Zealand." Refer to earlier part of this book.)

Attendance: Sickness played a part in reducing attendance at the Club. Mrs. Audrey Wood Mrs. Elsie Burton and Mr. H. Northover all spent some time in hospital, and Mr. G. Decker and Mr. L. McAuley both have been on extended trips overseas. Miss Hight left the Club to live in Christchurch.

On Zamenhof Evening, 6th December, a varied programme included singing, a play reading which Mrs. E. Lymburn, and Audrey & Fred Wood intended presenting at the NZEA Congress in January. Mrs. Lymburn gave a reading from "La Faraono," Mrs. Joanna White spoke of her experiences during a sea voyage to Korea and Mrs. Aagaard presented a monologue.

## 1978

Officers Elected were Patrons, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Mr. Richard Prebble MP, and Mrs. Y. Canty; President, Mr. F.E. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. A.G. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. R. Aagaard; Assist. Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. Jim Baker; Committee, Mrs. G. Davis, Mrs. E. Burton, Mrs. S. Thompson, Miss S. Hill and Mr. H. Sweney. Book Dept., Mrs. E. Lymburn; Auditor, Mr. I. Thompson.

On Opening Night, 14th February, there were 6 new members

Teachers: The three Groups were again tutored by Mrs. E. Lymburn, Mr. F. Wood and Mrs. R. Aagaard.

Barbecue: Mrs. Siddall again offered her home for a Barbecue on 19th February. This gave the members an opportunity to meet the new people.

The Annual Picnic was held at Cornwallis, and although the attendance was not large, it was still worthwhile.

Teaching in School: Special mention was made of the valuable work Mrs. Ellen Lymburn has been doing. During the year, she had taught a class at St. Peters College and had taught several adult pupils in her home, and these all became club members.

Membership: 28 Full members, 2 Life Members and 7 Associate members.

Booknight held in July was celebrated to encourage the sale of Esperanto books. A short programme was given first, and it was encouraging to see Beginners presenting several sketches. Sales totalled \$60.00.

Zamenhof Souvenir. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Tora Raymonde who presented to the Club an Esperanto watch which had belonged to her husband, Mr. Sam Taylor, a former member of the Auckland Esperanto Society. A photo of Ludovic Zamenhof is on the face of the watch.

A Welcome Home was given to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wood on their return from the Universal

Congress in Varna, Bulgaria. This function was held at Mrs. Aagaard's home on Sunday 1st October. About 30 esperantists attended, and it was pleasing to welcome several members from the New Lynn Club. Mr. Fred Wood who was the New Zealand Delegate to the Congress, gave an interesting and informative talk on different aspects of the Congress and excursions, and Mrs. Wood spoke on her impressions. Mrs. Siddall described her recent visit to Japan and showed some most interesting souvenirs.

At 5.30pm a large group went to the Hotch Potch Restaurant in Balmoral for an enjoyable dinner before returning for a slide presentation when Mr. Wood showed a selection from Bulgaria and England and Mrs. Lymburn from China. This proved to be a very enjoyable and informal occasion and an opportunity for local Esperantists to meet together as the Regional Weekend had not been held.

**DBEA Success.** Mrs. Grace Davis gained DBEA with distinction.

**Zamenhof Evening,** held on 1st December coincided with the 30th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. The President, Mr. Fred Wood used this as his theme. Among the items was the play, "la Veto" presented by members of the Auckland Club who would be performing the same play at the NZEA Congress in January when they competed for the Drama Trophy.

**Thanks.** Mrs. Grace Davis, our Club Reporter, was thanked for sending reports during the year to the daily papers, the Central Leader, the Link and the NZ Esperantist. To Audrey and Fred Wood for typing and duplicating all notices and Annual Reports.

## 1979

**Officers elected were,** Patrons, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Mayor of Auckland, Mr. Richard Prebble MP, (Auckland Central), Mrs Y.M. Canty; President, Mr. F.E. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. A.G. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. Rita Aagaard; Treasurer, Mr. H. Sweney; Assistant Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Committee, Mrs. G. Davis, Mrs. E. Burton, Mrs. J. Sharplin, Mr. J. Baker and Mr. T. Henshall. Book Dept., Mrs. E. Lymburn. Auditor, Mr. I. Thompson.

**Membership** was 37 Full members, 2 Life Members and 6 Associate members.

**Overseas Trips.** Two of our members made extended trips overseas, Mrs. E. Lymburn and Mr. T. Henshall.

**Publicity.** An ambitious effort was begun to publicise Esperanto and hopefully gain new members for our club. Members worked together to acquire the names and addresses of firms who employed over 20 personnel. 700 notices were sent out to be placed on Firms' Notice Boards. Information was supplied about Esperanto and details of Club meetings. Very little interest was shown, but at least Esperanto was brought before the public.

**University.** Much effort and publicity went into an endeavour to set up an Esperanto Group in the University, but although some interest was shown, there was not sufficient response to bring this to fruition.

**Teachers.** The Beginners were led by Mrs. E. Lymburn, Intermediates by Mrs. Rita Aagaard, and Advanced by Mrs. G. Davis and Mr. Fred Wood. Mrs. A. Wood also assisted with teaching.

**Picnic.** The Annual Picnic was held at Cheltenham on the North Shore. Some North Shore Esperantists joined with Club members and a barbecue was one of the attractions.

**Link Festival.** Several members of the Auckland Club manned a stall at Waiwera from Friday to Sunday 22nd to 24th June. Leaflets were distributed from an attractively arranged stall and information given to a large number of people. Thanks went to Mrs. Moira Dodds who hosted several members for the night at her home at Hatfields Beach.

**Booknight** was held on 24th July. An enjoyable programme of readings, sketches and book reviews were presented, and members of Mrs. Lymburn's first year class took part. On sale was Mrs. Lymburn's translation of "The Old Man's Story" by Frank Sargeson with which she won the prize in the W. King Translation Competition. Mrs. Lymburn was congratulated for this fine effort.

**An Esperanto Regional Meeting** was held at the home of Mrs. Aagaard on Sunday October 28th when 26 esperantists and friends mingled in a true esperanto spirit of goodwill and friendship. During the afternoon, Mr. Jim Baker spoke of his recent visit to Canada, and Mr. Ted Henshall about his trip to Europe and America, while Mr. Ivan Pivac informed us of his impending marriage in January and subsequent move to Queensland.

**Zamenhof Evening** 11th December. Mr. Wood opened the programme with extracts from Dr. Zamenhof's speeches, followed by Mrs. Aagaard who told us of the vagaries of the Danish language, and Miss Hill on the life and poems of Brendon Clark. Among the items was the play, "The Crime" which was later presented by the Auckland Club at the NZEA Congress, winning the Drama Shield.



**Officers** for 1980 were, Patrons, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Mr. Richard Prebble MP, and Mrs. Y. Canty. President, Mr. F.E. Wood; Vice President and Assist. Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. Rita Aagaard; Treasurer, Mr. H. Sweney; Reporter and Book Dept., Mrs. G. Davis; Committee, Mrs. E. Lymburn, A. Wood, J. Knight and Mr. D. Knight. Auditor, Mr. I. Thompson.

**Membership** was 31 Full members, 11 Associate and 2 Life members. Several new members joined, one of them going overseas later in the year.

**Classes:** Teachers were the same as last year.

**Overseas Trips.** Mrs. Lymburn contacted esperantists in China, Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Kaplan travelled abroad, and Mrs. Aagaard visited the Queensland Esperanto Club. Audrey and Fred Wood travelled to the Universal Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. The after Congress excursion in Norway was the pinnacle of the trip, travelling together for a week with 15 other nationalities with perfect understanding.

**The Picnic** was again held at Cheltenham Beach on 24th February when members and friends enjoyed a relaxed day together.

**Link Festival.** The Auckland Club continued to be affiliated to the Link Organisation. As a result, the Club was invited to take part in the Festival held on Waitangi Day, 6th February at Western Springs Stadium. Several members arranged a display and manned the stall.

**Pakuranga Library Display.** A request to the Club by the Pakuranga Library resulted in a display being arranged by Mrs. Lymburn in the May school holidays. The librarian reported that this was highly successful with a large number of people showing interest.

**Obituary.** It was with deep sorrow that Club members received the news that a valued and long-time member, Mrs. Shirley Thompson had died of cancer. She had served on the committee and been a member for a number of years and she would be sadly missed.

**Booknight** was held on 29th July when we welcomed members of the New Lynn Group. A short programme of singing and plays was enjoyed. There was an excellent performance from the Beginners Group who were congratulated on their good pronunciation. Books were sold to the value of \$83.70.

**The Esperanto Regional Meeting** was held in the home of Mrs. Aagaard on Sunday 14th September when 25 esperantists mingled in a true spirit of friendship. Dr. John and Mrs. Hamvai were welcomed, who, through ill health had not been able to attend meetings. Mrs. J. Thorley described her trip to North America, and Mr. Cyril Brandon (89) one of our Life Members, related his experiences on a recent overseas trip to America and England. Audrey and Fred Wood told about their visit to the Oberammergau Passion Play and the Universal Congress in Stockholm. After an enjoyable meal at Cantell's Steak House, Audrey Wood showed slides of Oberammergau and Mrs. Lymburn showed slides of Canada and the 2nd Pacific Congress in Vancouver. Mrs. Lymburn was the official delegate from New Zealand.

A tasty supper brought to a close a happy Esperanto experience, and those taking part expressed the desire for more of these meetings.

**Zamenhof Evening** was held on 1st December. Mrs. A. Wood opened the programme, and in her talk of events in the life of Zamenhof mentioned that in 1910, Dr. Zamenhof became an Honorary President of the New Zealand Esperanto Association. During a full and interesting programme, Mrs. Lymburn read an article by Lydia Zamenhof about the last days in the life of her father. Mrs. Aagaard spoke about "Bielostok, urbo de Zamenhof." Short talks were given by Mrs. G. Davis, Miss Hill, Mrs. A. Wood, Mr. I. Jones and Mr. F. Wood. Short sketches were given by Mr. & Mrs. D. Knight, Mr. H. Northover and Mr. H. Sweney, Mrs. G. Davis and Rita Aagaard. Singing and supper concluded a great evening.

## 1981

**Officers** elected were Patrons, Mr. Richard Prebble MP and Mrs. Y. Canty. President, Mrs. A. Wood; Vice President, I. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. Rita Aagaard; Minute Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. H. Sweney; Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Knight, Mr. F. Wood and Mr. H. Maehl. Reporter and Book Department, Mrs. G. Davis.

**Membership:** 30 Full members, 2 Life Member and 4 Associate members. The same teachers continued with help from Mr. I. Jones.

**The Picnic** took place at Omana Regional Park. Members who participated voted it an excellent location.

**Link Festival.** Several members were on duty on a Stall on Waitangi Day at the Keith Park Memorial Park. Leaflets and information were given to a large number of the public. The Mayor of Auckland, Mr. Colin Kay greeted members at the Stall and showed interest in Esperanto.

**Obituary:** It is with great regret we record the passing of our esteemed Life Member, Mrs. Yvon Canty, aged 86 years. Due to failing health, Mrs. Canty had not been able to attend meetings over the last several years. She had been a very active member of the Auckland Club, had served as President, and more particularly she had been an excellent teacher over a number of years. She joined the Auckland Club in 1943 and had also held office on NZEA Executive. (Refer to the early part of this book in 1981 section.)

**Visit to Whangarei.** On 4th April, 16 members travelled to Whangarei to meet with Esperantists from Kaitaia, Dargaville and Whangarei. Mr. & Mrs. J. Walton were the hosts, and local members worked hard providing refreshments throughout the day. An enjoyable time was spent with talks, singing, sketches, a word game and meeting esperanto friends.

**A New Song book for Booknight.** Booknight was held on 28th July when reviews on several books were given. Amongst the books were copies of the new Song Book very ably compiled by Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood. The Auckland Club acquired a stock for their weekly sing song, and the book was expected to be very popular.

**Overseas Visitors** during the year were Mr. Kenzen Minami, Tokyo, Miss Saja van Wyngaarden, Holland who worked in the Central Office of UEA; Professor Heimlich of Berlin; Mrs. L. Box of Brisbane and Miss Marjorie Harwood of Bradford, England who stayed several months and came to the Club from time to time.

**The Regional Meeting** was held on Saturday, 19th September when 30 esperantists met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood. Visitors came from Kaitaia, Whangarei, Papakura, New Lynn and Hamilton. The Club's Life Member, Mr. C. Brandon was also welcomed. Dr. Hamvai spoke on the "Future of Esperanto," and Mrs. Aagaard on her experiences at the Universal Congress in Brazil, and a new member, Mr. Hassan Sills chose the subject, "Astrology." Singing, games and sketches gave a variety programme, and at 5.30pm a large group went to "Richardsons" for dinner. Later, Mrs. Aagaard showed slides of her recent visit to South America and the Congress in Brazil. Supper brought to a close another happy Esperanto experience.

**Zamenhof Evening** was celebrated on 1st December when Mrs. Aagaard spoke on "Krizoj kaj Esperoj en la Vivo de Zamenhof." Mr. F. Wood's subject was "Batoj, Persekutado kaj Malpermeso kontraŭ la Esperanto-Movado." Mrs. E. Lymburn gave an entertaining reading taken from "Kiel Akvo de la Rivero" by Raymond Schwartz. Mr. & Mrs. D. Knight and Mr. T. Rounthwaite and Mr. H. Sweney presented two sketches. A play, "La Ruza Servistino" later presented at the Christchurch Congress, was played by Mrs. Rita Aagaard and Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood.

## 1982

**The same Officers were Re-elected** apart from the Patrons. These were, Mr. Colin Kay, Mayor of Auckland, Mr. Richard Prebble MP, and Sir Dove-Myer Robinson.

**Membership.** Full members 24; Life Member 1; Associate 6. Average attendance 11.

**Publicity.** Although bookmarks were distributed throughout the area and advertising placed in the local paper, the result was discouraging.

**Teaching.** Apart from teaching in the Club, Mrs. Lymburn taught 3 Club members in her own home at Pakuranga, and taught 18 children at the Flat Bush Primary School at Otara. Mrs. Grace Davis taught 2 ladies in her home at Devonport.

**Link Festival.** The Auckland Club continued to be affiliated to the Link Organisation and reports of the Club's activities regularly appeared in the Link News. A stall was again staffed at the Festival at Keith Park Memorial Park when cups of tea and coffee were sold and packets of used stamps in order to attract the public to the stall. This worked well. The Club gave information to enquirers, and made \$58.00 by means of supplying drinks.

**Whangarei Visit.** On 3rd April, 20 esperantists met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Walton for a Regional Get Together. Mr. F. Wood compered an interesting programme of talks, sketches, discussions and games interspersed with singing. Those taking part were from Whangarei, Hamilton and Auckland. Local members provided a very tasty lunch and teas, and after President Audrey Wood closed the meeting, esperantists and friends went to a local restaurant for dinner. It was a great day, and appreciation and thanks go to the Whangarei hosts.

**Library Displays.** To celebrate Esperanto Book Week, 26th to 30th July, displays of Esperanto books were arranged in the Auckland, Grafton and Pakuranga Libraries. A talk on Esperanto was given to a group of 20 children at the Grafton Library by Mrs. E. Lymburn.

**Booknight** was held on 27th July. Book reviews, sketches and a reading were presented. Particularly enjoyable was an excerpt from "Kredu min, Sinjorino," which Mrs. Lymburn and Mr. Ian Dunwoodie (a new member) expertly presented. Book sales almost reached \$100.00. The Club ordered a set of the 9 volume work, "Iam Kompletigota Plena Verkaro de Zamenhof" and these were allotted to members by ballot. The successful members made a donation to the Club, but the volumes remained the property of the Auckland Esperanto Society.

**Monato.** The Auckland Society subscribed to the excellent Esperanto magazine about world affairs. This is written in Esperanto but not about Esperanto. Members could take a copy out on loan for a small fee.

**Visitors.** Mrs. Ena Shortland from Ipswich, England was welcomed during the year, and her account of Esperanto activities in her home town was very interesting.

The Auckland Society received a tape from the Bradford Esperanto Club whose secretary, Marjorie Harwood, had visited the Club in 1981. The Club reciprocated with a tape in reply.

**Regional Meeting** was held in Auckland on 11th September at Mr. & Mrs. Wood's home. Visitors came from New Lynn, Rotorua and Whangarei. It was good to welcome the Club's Life Member, Mr. C. Brandon (90) who amazed everyone by having the courage to travel overseas at such a mature age, and a welcome was extended to Mrs. Barbara Cunningham who had just returned from a trip to Scotland. An interesting programme and meeting friends filled the day. About 20 of the group proceeded to "Richardson's" for dinner, and on their return, were entertained with slides by Mrs. Agaard and Mr. Fred Wood.

**Obituary.** Members were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Olga Hamvai, a one time member of the Auckland Esperanto Society and a welcome visitor to our functions.

**Zamenhof Evening** was held on 7th December. Mrs. Wood in her welcome and introduction spoke about the 3rd Universal Congress in Cambridge, England which Dr. Zamenhof attended. A full and interesting programme was presented.

### 1983

**Officers for 1983** remained the same.

**NZEA Congress.** 8 members travelled to Masterton to take part in the 48th NZEA Congress. The Auckland Society agreed to act as hosts for the 49th Congress in January 1984 which would take place in the Epsom Girls' Grammar School Hostel 6th to 10th January.

**Opening of the Club** took place on 8th February. Booklets and leaflets had been placed in libraries and a new poster placed in the Central Railway Station. The Club had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Stefan MacGill and his wife Loes, her friend Williemiene and Stefan's brother, Victor. Many were pleased to see Stefan again after 7 years overseas, and others to meet him for the first time and hear about his work in the Central Office of UEA in Rotterdam.

**Teaching.** Again there were 3 classes, and Mrs. Lymburn continued teaching at the Flat Bush Primary School and at home. Mr. Wood also taught a small group at his home.

**Overseas Visitor.** Late in February we were visited by Mr. Doi from Japan who was on his way to a Science Conference in Dunedin.

**The Picnic** was held on Sunday 13th March at Mrs. Siddall's home, Mission Bay where we enjoyed a delightful alfresco meal and a session in the spa pool. Thanks were extended to Mr. & Mrs. Siddall for their kind hospitality.

**Whangarei Visit.** On 26th March, 20 Esperantists visited Whangarei and met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Walton. Mr. Fred Wood organised a programme in which everyone took part.

**Booknight** on 26th July took the usual form of book reviews, sketches and readings, and most importantly, sales of books.

**Esperanto Week** 3rd to 10th September was promoted by NZEA and the Club co-operated by organising a book display at the Central Library, and having posters displayed at other libraries. In addition, a talk was given to Intermediate school pupils in the Grafton Library.

**The Annual Regional Meeting** was held on Saturday 10th September in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wood when 25 Esperantists took part including visitors from Whangarei and Hamilton. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. C. Brandon, Life Member of the Auckland Club who seemed to know the secret of eternal youth. The programme was similar to previous meetings, but always new and interesting programmes. At 5pm a group of 16 went to "Richardsons" for dinner, and in the evening, Mrs. Joan Siddall gave a most interesting and informative talk of her recent trip to Burma, Shri Lanka, Bangkok and Singapore. Mr. Harold Northover showed his film on Perth and entertained the members with a hilarious commentary. Supper brought to a close another sojourn in Esperanto land.

**Members Overseas.** Mr. I. Jones and his wife Hilda spent six weeks in the USA, and Mr. Hans Maehl was on an extended trip to Canada, USA and Europe. Mrs. Agaard recently visited Melbourne and took the opportunity to visit the Esperanto Club there.

**Zamenhof Evening** was held in the Friends Hall on Tuesday 6th December. The President, Mrs. A. Wood opened the meeting and spoke on the early days of Esperanto in Auckland. Mr. Ian Jones related his experiences on a recent trip to USA including several National Parks and the Grand Canyon in Arizona.



**Officers were Patrons,** Mrs. Cath Tizard, Mayor of Auckland and Mr. Richard Prebble MP. President, Mrs. A. Wood; Vice President, Mr. I. Dunwoodie; Secretary, Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Assist. Secretary, Mr. I. Jones; Treasurer and Book Dept., Mr. H. Sweney; Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Knight and Mrs. J. Simmons; Reporter, Mrs. G. Davis.

**NZEA Congress** was held in Auckland from 6th to 10th January in the Epsom Girls' Grammar School Hostel. It was opened by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. David Lange who later in the year became Prime Minister. The location and arrangements of the Congress were ideal, ensuring a successful Congress. All the active members of the Auckland Club took part in a play. This involved 12 actors and actresses and the play lasted one hour and was entitled "The Case under Judgment." The play required dedication from the actors before it was ready for presentation, and was quite an achievement for so many Club members to be available to go to Congress. (Refer to earlier part of this book under 1984.)

**Membership.** Full members 30; 1 Life Member and 3 Associate members. Average attendance for the year was 14.

**Publicity.** There was the usual advertising in the daily papers and the Central Leader. Bookmarks and Ten Free Lessons were available in various libraries.

**Teaching.** Once again there were 3 main groups with Mrs. Lymburn, Mrs. Aagaard and Mrs. G. Davis and Mr. F. Wood being the main teachers. Mr. I. Dunwoodie also helped with teaching when needed.

**Picnic.** It was intended to visit Army Bay on the invitation of Mrs. Storrie, but inclement weather made it necessary to cancel.

**Overseas Visitors.** At our second meeting in February, we welcomed Mr. David MacGill of Japan. 21 members and visitors were present to greet him. Before David's retirement, he had served on NZEA Executive for a considerable number of years and many were sorry to see him leave New Zealand. David spoke of the Buddhist Monastery which he had helped to build and where he now lives, and about Esperanto activities there and in other places in Japan.

In April, Club members welcomed Mrs. Celina Niebyska from Poland who arrived in Auckland with her husband, a radio officer on the H.S. Hel. 14 of the Auckland members gathered in the home of Mrs. Aagaard to greet them, and the following Tuesday the visitors came to the Club. Members were then invited on the ship to celebrate Celina's birthday, and 10 members greatly enjoyed this unusual experience.

**Obituaries.** We were very sorry to hear of the passing of one time members of the Auckland Society. Mr. Bob Perfect who had given many fine addresses in the Club. When asked to do so, he never refused. When a young man, he was very active in the Auckland and Wellington Clubs.

Dr. J.E. Beaumont, though not a member of the Club in recent years, nevertheless would come to Regional Meetings.

Mr. Wrack, an earlier member of the Club and long time member of NZEA, willed the sum of \$200 to the Society. This has been invested in the mean time.

**Whangarei Visit.** On 31st March, 21 esperantists met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Walton for the annual gathering there. 14 members of the Auckland Club and Mrs. J. Rolt from Hamilton travelled to Whangarei to join in the programme organised by the Auckland Club. It followed similar lines as previously. Teas and lunch supplied by the Whangarei members were much appreciated and the day finished with a visit to a local restaurant.

**Overseas Trip to the 3rd Pacific and UEA Congresses.** The President, Mrs. A. Wood and Mr. F. Wood, UEA Chief Delegate, visited Canada and the USA from June to August and took part in the 3rd Pacific Congress in Portland and the Universal Congress in Vancouver. (Refer to earlier part of this book under 1984 for more information.)

**Mt. Roskill Library Display.** Mrs. Jean Simmons, a Club member, included an Esperanto Section in a Library Display for United Nations Day. Jean was thanked and congratulated for her work.

**Booknight.** The usual books were not available for Booknight owing to the transition from NZEA Book Dept. to Hermes Books, Havelock North. However a parcel of books had arrived for the Regional Meeting and a further parcel of new books arrived at a later date which gave total sales of over \$200, a very creditable effort.

**Esperanto Regional Meeting** was arranged for Saturday 15th September in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wood. 30 esperantists came from Te Awamutu, Whangarei, Hamilton, New Lynn and Papakura. Mr. F. Wood compered the programme, and at 5pm a group proceeded to "Richardsons" for dinner. In the evening, Mr. Wood spoke about the Pacific and Universal Congresses and showed slides from excursions in Canada and the USA. Mrs. Wood showed slides of the Grand Canyon with English dialogue and music. This was appreciated by non-esperantist friends present.

**Mt. Eden Festival.** The Club was invited to take part in the Mt. Eden Festival Week, and on Saturday, 3rd November members were in charge of a stall in the Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall

where they sold cups of tea and coffee and packets of used stamps. In this way, people were drawn to the stall, and members handed out bookmarks and leaflets. Receipts totalled \$44.30.

**Public Speaking Contest.** At the Festival, Mr. Ian Dunwoodie entered the Public Speaking Contest speaking in Esperanto. This was a great advertisement for Esperanto.

**School Visit.** On November 6th, Mr. Brian Fox, Deputy Head of Range View Intermediate School brought a group of 20 girls and boys from his esperanto class to meet with members at the Club. The young people sang to club members and joined in with games, and this was followed with supper.

**Zamenhof Evening** was held on December 4th, the final esperanto meeting for the year. The President, Mrs. A. Wood opened the meeting by welcoming an overseas visitor, Mrs. Georgette Meynader, an esperantist from Montpellier, France. Mrs. Wood spoke on the early days of the Esperanto Movement. Interesting slides of Israel, Egypt and Greece were presented by Mr. Dennis Pease, and there was a group presentation of humorous items which members had themselves translated.

## 1985

**50th Jubilee Congress.** This NZEA Congress was held at Eskine College, Wellington. Five members of the Auckland Club took part in the programme. Mrs. E. Lymburn gave a Language Session and a play reading with Mrs. Rita Aagaard. Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood and Mrs. Joan Rolt presented a humorous play reading.

**Membership:** 25 Full members, 1 Life Member and 3 Associate. Average attendance 15.

**Opening of the Club** took place on 12th February. Mr. I. Jones taught the Beginners, Mr. I. Dunwoodie taught the Intermediates and Mrs. Aagaard the Advanced Group. Mrs. Wood taught a new beginner later in the year. The Conversation Group continued with Mr. F. Wood with 2 new members.

**Whangarei Visit** took place on 2nd March when 12 members left behind the cloudy skies of Auckland to enjoy a cloudless day in Whangarei in the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Walton where the group enjoyed the fellowship of the Whangarei members in a day of Esperanto activities. Teas and lunch provided by the Whangarei folk were very much enjoyed, and the day closed with a visit to a local restaurant for dinner.

**Overseas Visitors:** During the year we welcomed the following to the Club: Josiko Unno and Cutomu Suganami from Japan; Mr. & Mrs. Hendee, California; Mr. & Mrs. Mets, Santa Barbara, California; Mrs. Georgette Meynader, France; Mr. Sven Samelius and his sister, from Sweden.

**Obituaries:** We very much regret the passing of two valued members of the Society, Miss Eileen Espiner and Mr. Hans Maehl who both made important contributions to the Club. (Refer early part of this book for further details.)

**Booknight:** Our annual Booknight was held on 21st May when esperantists from around Auckland joined the group for a short programme before viewing the books. Purchases were made to the value of \$125.80.

**The Regional Meeting** on Saturday, 14th September was held at Mr. & Mrs. Wood's home. Mrs. A. Wood, the President of the Auckland Society welcomed visitors from Te Awamutu, Hamilton and New Lynn. Whangarei members were unable to attend. There were about 20 Esperantists present, who enjoyed the programme. An item of special interest was a letter read by Fred Wood from the Esperanto Society in Fukuoka, Japan. This city was twinning with the city of Auckland, and the Fukuoka Esperanto Society welcomed the opportunity of contacts with the Auckland Esperanto Society. This feeling was reciprocated, and the Auckland Society replied that they would like to keep in touch. Mr. F. Wood translated a five page report into Esperanto to be sent to the Esperanto Society in Fukuoka. This report explained the negotiations and agreements between the two cities of Fukuoka and Auckland.

The group went to "Richardsons" for dinner, and during the evening, Mrs. Aagaard spoke of her recent visit to Norfolk Island and showed slides of that tiny island.

**A Presentation** was made to Mrs. E. Lymburn in appreciation for the many years of service she had given to the Club, particularly as a teacher. Mrs. Lymburn was also congratulated on the publication of "The Garden Party" by Kathleen Mansfield. This is the second book translated by Mrs. Lymburn and published in the NZEA "Sudaj Floroj" series.

**Affiliation to UN:** Following on the affiliation of NZEA to United Nations, the Auckland Society affiliated to the Auckland Branch of United Nations.

**School Visit:** Again this year, Mr. Brian Fox, Deputy Head of Range View Intermediate School brought his Esperanto class to our meeting. 33 Young people arrived, and it was a pleasure to meet so many youthful esperantists enjoying singing, games and sketches. A delicious supper concluded the programme, and on leaving, the pupils were presented with a copy of "Lerta Leganto" or other Esperanto reader.

**Monato:** The Society again subscribed to this outstanding magazine as support for a worthwhile magazine and to encourage members to read.

**Club Library:** It was decided to revive the Club Library, and members were advised to take advantage of the service.

**Thanks:** All members were thanked for doing their share of the work of the Club. A group of dedicated members had loyally supported the Club because they believed in the value of an International Language to the world.

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### **BLenheim ESPERANTO CLUB**

A new Esperanto Group was formed in Blenheim in 1964. 26 people attended the first class at Marlborough Boys' College. Mr. Peter Lovall was the teacher, supported by Mr & Mrs. A.H. Martin, formerly of Upper Hutt, and who had been attending Lower Hutt Club before this transfer to Blenheim.

In 1967 it was reported that the Blenheim Esperanto Group proposed that a Fund be established to pay in part or totally, the cost of a young person to attend a National Congress overseas. Mrs. K. Sutton would personally guarantee the payment of £50 yearly by the Blenheim Group during her lifetime.

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### **CHRISTCHURCH ESPERANTO SOCIETY**

The Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Esperanto Society held on 25th February 1964 was opened by the President, Mr. L.E. Pollock in the presence of Mesdames R.M. Field, O. Thomas, Misses E. McGifford, V. Thompson, Messrs. B. Clarke, H. Foley, F. Swift and C.A. Tatom. The secretary, Erin McGifford reported that meetings had been held weekly throughout the past year, and also that 2 Courses, one for Beginners at the Workers' Educational Association Centre (WEA), the other for Intermediates and Advanced students at the University of Canterbury had been well attended during the year. There had also been monthly combined meetings of members and students which had been very successful in providing practice in the use of Esperanto through word games. A Display of Esperanto material was held in the WEA Centre at the end of the year, and this was well attended by students from other WEA Courses and from the Kirkwood Intermediate School where Bevan Clarke had taught Esperanto to a class of 20 students. The officers elected for 1964 were Mr. H.L. Foley, President; Mrs. O. Thomas, Mr. B.J. Clarke, and Mr. C.A. Tatom, Vice Presidents; Miss E. McGifford, Secretary/treasurer; Mrs R. Field, Miss V. Thompson, Messrs. L.E. Pollock, F. Swift and P. Williams as committee members. Principal decisions from the A.G.M. were that Miss Erin McGifford would be the delegate of the Society at the NZEA Congress in Wellington; a contact number for Esperanto would be inserted in the Christchurch Telephone Directory at a cost of 15/-; notices of meetings would be published in the Personal or Public Notices Columns of both the Christchurch daily newspapers for four weeks, and the membership subscription for the ensuing year would be increased from 15/- to £1.

The Annual General Meeting held on 2nd March 1965 in the WEA Centre was opened by the President, Mr. Herb. Foley. Mesdames K. Anderson, L. Bruce, A. McGifford, O. Thomas, M. Ward, Miss E. McGifford, Messrs. B. Clarke, L.E. Pollock, F. Swift and D.A. Ward were present. The secretary, Miss E. McGifford reported another successful year which had included the 30th NZEA Congress hosted by the Christchurch Esperanto Society. This had greatly expanded the work load of the secretary, who wrote 80 letters during the year on Club business. More than 70 letters and postcards of greetings and good wishes from 27 countries around the world were displayed at the Congress, and excellent publicity had been gained in the local news media.

Visitors during the year included NZEA members, Mr. W.H. King and Mr. David Laws from other centres; overseas visitors, Mrs. Doris Worcester, born in England but resident in Japan where she taught Esperanto in Ayabe; Mr. Armanda Garcia of Spain and Dr. Rosa Scolnik from Argentina.

The WEA class had maximum attendance, and the students presented a play in Esperanto at the end of the year.



Officers for 1965 were Mr. F. Swift, President; Mrs. O. Thomas, Messrs. L. Pollock, and B.J. Clarke, Vice Presidents; Miss E.F. McGifford, secretary/treasurer; Mesdames K. Anderson. A. McGifford. L. Bruce, R. Field, M. Ward and Mr. H. Foley, committee members. The Club subscription was raised to 25/- per year for adults because of rising costs, but remained at £1 for students and pensioners. The Society had 17 financial members in 1965.

On January 17th, 1966, the Christchurch Esperanto Society arranged a Social Evening to meet Mr. C.C. Goldsmith and Mr. & Mrs. N. Lock from England.

Opening. Meetings commenced on 15th February, and the Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd February. Officers elected were, President, Mr. B.J. Clarke; Vice Presidents, Mrs. O. Thomas, Miss E. McGifford, Mr. H. Foley, Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. L. Bruce; Committee, Mrs. A. McGifford, Miss V. Thompson, Mr. C. Brown, Mr. F. Swift, and Mr. L. Pollock. Publicity Officer, Mr. C.H. Brown.

NZEA Congress. Seven members attended the Congress at Palmerston North.

WEA CLASS in Esperanto commenced on 15th March.

Overseas Visitor: Miss Helen Prent visited the Society during the year.

Obituaries: Messrs. A. Ward and Mr. C.R.S. Barrett died during the year, the latter a Life Member aged 96.

The 1967 Annual Meeting was held on 21st February in the WEA Centre presided over by Mr. H. Foley, Vice President, due to the President, Mr. B.J. Clarke having to attend another meeting on the same day. Others present were Mesdames K. Anderson, L. Bruce. A. McGifford, O. Musgrove, O. Thomas, C. Turner, M. Ward, Miss E. McGifford, Messrs. C. Brown, D. Bruce, L. Pollock, F. Swift and M. Tucker. The Society had 16 financial members.

The WEA Beginners Class was again enrolled to its full capacity, and the students were invited to join the Christchurch Esperanto Society, but little interest was shown.

Officers elected were Mr. C.H. Brown, President; Mrs. O. Thomas and Mr. H. Foley, Vice Presidents; Mrs. L. Bruce, Secretary/treasurer; Mesdames A. McGifford, C. Turner, Miss E. McGifford, Messrs. L. Pollock and F. Swift, committee members. The WEA Class would be advertised in both newspapers by the Club for a cost of £2 total. Mr. Swift also advertised the class in the South Christchurch local newspaper at his own expense.

The A.G.M. 1968 was held on 20th February in the WEA Centre with 16 members present. Mr. C.H. Brown was elected President; Mrs. O. Thomas, Miss McGifford and Mr. F. Swift, Vice Presidents; Mrs. L. Bruce, Secretary/treasurer; and Mesdames A. McGifford, C. Turner, M. Ward, and Messrs. G. D. Dewar and L. Pollock, committee members. Financial membership had increased to 23, with recruits from the WEA Class.

During an Esperanto Display at Christchurch Teachers' College on 24th July, Mr. Donald Bruce was interviewed about Esperanto for the Television Programme "Town and Around" which was shown that evening. Results included several telephone enquiries and letters, one of which was from the Headmaster of a local Primary School.

On 22nd October, Donald Bruce and Stefan MacGill visited Opawa Primary School with a tape recording of the "Town and Around" interview and at the Esperanto class at Evans Bay Intermediate School, they played the tape for the Headmaster and the First Assistant, and also showed them Esperanto books and material.

On 24th October, at Chisnallwood Intermediate School, a display was arranged in the vestibule of the Assembly Hall to show the work being done by the pupils in Mrs. Reid's Esperanto Group. Parents, teachers, and also the Headmaster showed great interest in the display.

On November 10th saw members and friends of the Christchurch Esperanto Society enjoying an afternoon ramble at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, and afterwards afternoon tea at the WEA.

On March 2nd 1969, the annual picnic was held at Pleasant Point. It proved a relaxing day for older Esperantists who joined in a jaunt in a motor boat on the estuary while the young rode Frank Swift's motor bike round and about and around.

The A.G.M. was held on 4th March, 1969 in the WEA Centre presided over by Mr. C. Brown with 17 others present. Officers elected were Mr. C. Brown, President; Mrs. O. Thomas and Mr. D. Langman, Vice Presidents; Mrs. L. Bruce, Secretary/treasurer; Mesdames A. McGifford, D. Taege, Messrs. G.D. Dewar, P. Jordan and L. Pollock, committee members. Mr. Swift was appointed Trip secretary for combined meetings of the Christchurch and Dunedin Esperanto Clubs to be held in Waimate. Financial membership had fallen to 20.

The teaching of Esperanto in the schools continued this year.

**1970.** A total of 12 members attended the Annual General Meeting held at the WEA Centre on 10th March 1970. Mr. D.J. Langman was elected to be the new President with Mrs. O. Thomas and Mr. C.H. Brown as Vice Presidents. Mrs. L.S. Bruce was re-elected Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. D. Taege, Miss E. McGifford, Messrs. G.D. Dewar, L. Pollock and F. Swift committee members. The secretary reported that the combined meeting with the Dunedin Club had been very successful as had also been the Rondo held in the apartment of Erin McGifford.

**25th - 26th April,** 5 members of EJANZ met with young people from Dunedin at Karitane and organised a successful weekend.

On 30th April, Mrs. L. Bruce spoke to the Women's Fellowship at St. Albans Methodist Church. They agreed that the acceptance of Esperanto would contribute to world peace.

On 7th May, Mrs. A. Reid arranged an Esperanto Display at a Hobby Exhibition at the Burwood Anglican Church. Visitors to the Display showed great interest.

On 12th May, members met in the home of Miss E. McGifford to meet with Mr. & Mrs. B. Potts of Wellington. Mr. Potts was in Christchurch to conduct an Esperanto 3-day Course. Miss McGifford also played tapes of Esperanto songs.

**1971.** As part of a campaign to boost enrolments to the WEA class, the Christchurch Esperanto Society held an Esperanto Display in the window of the Christchurch Branch of the Canterbury Savings Bank for a week from 26th February to 5th March. A Display of Esperanto posters, magazines, pocket calendars etc. arranged by Mr. Frank Swift was of a high standard. Members took turns manning an enquiry counter at the Bank, answering questions about Esperanto and giving out pamphlets to the public, with Erin McGifford devoting a great deal of time and effort to the Display.

The A.G.M. was held in the WEA Centre on 9th March with the President, Mr. D.J. Langman in the chair, and 10 other members in attendance. The election of officers resulted in Mr. D.G. Dewar, President; Messrs. D.J. Langman and F. Swift, Vice Presidents. Mrs. L.S. Bruce, Secretary/treasurer; Mrs. D. Taege, Messrs. C. Brown and H. Ritchie, Committee.

**New Clubrooms.** From 16th March, the Society transferred its meeting place from the WEA Centre to the Richmond Secretarial College which provided more space at a lower cost. The proprietor of the College, Mrs. M. Ritchie supported the Esperanto Movement and had succeeded in having letters and articles about Esperanto published in the "Christchurch Star" and "The Press" newspapers on several occasions.

Early in 1971 Christchurch and Dunedin Club members met in the home of Mrs. J. Wren, Karitane. Stefan MacGill spoke about the activities of the young people in the Esperanto Movement, and later they rowed on the river, played indoor games or went for a walk while using their Esperanto.

On 11th January 1972, at short notice, seven members met Mr. J. Vilkki of Finland at the home of Des Langman.

On 31st January, an enthusiastic gathering of esperantists went to Miss E. McGifford's apartment to meet Mrs. Dorothy Lee of USA. Mrs. Lee told about Esperanto in USA and life in general in the United States.

At the Annual Meeting on 22nd February, new officers elected were, President, Mr. W. Harding; Vice Presidents, Mr. G.D. Dewar and Mr. D. Langman; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Swift; Committee, Mrs. L. Bruce, Mrs. D. Taege, Miss E. Ockenden, Mr. C. Brown and Mr. P. Jordan.

In early March, the Christchurch Society arranged a Display in the very busy McKenzie and Willis Arcade and also advertised in the local papers. It was decided later that it hardly justified the expense. The Christchurch Society became a member of the Link Organisation in order to gain free publicity.

Meetings were held throughout the year with interesting speakers. Mr. S. MacGill told of his experiences in Japan; Mr. and Mrs. P. Walker spoke about the Movement in Hawkes Bay. Dave and Stefan MacGill organised a programme on another evening, and Stefan explained the future plans for EJANZ. Mr. Des Langman gave three language sessions.

Mr. & Mrs. Lucas were successful in the NZEA Preparatory Examination.

**In 1973,** Officers elected were, President, Mr. C.H. Brown; Vice Presidents, Mrs. L. Bruce and Mr. W. Harding; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Swift.

Mr. W. Harding spoke to pupils at Hillmorton High School and Branston Intermediate.

The Esperanto Course at WEA was cancelled, however the Society attracted 10 new members.

The Bank of NZ permitted a three-week Display about Esperanto in their large window fronting Colombo Street. Esperanto books and posters were on display and a member was on duty to answer any enquiries.

A journalist from the "Press" visited the Society after which a very good report was printed in that paper.

The Society approved an "Esperanto" entry in the telephone book.

There were 28 financial members in 1973.

**At the Annual Meeting** on 19th February, 1974, Mrs. L. Bruce was elected President; Vice Presidents, Mr. S. MacGill and Mr. D. Dewar; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Swift; Committee, Mrs. F.A. Harrison, Mrs. I. MacGill, Miss E. Ockenden, Mr. D. Langman, Mr. H. Larsen and Mrs. D. Taege.

As the 40th Esperanto Congress was to be held in Christchurch in January 1975, the local Congress Committee was appointed: Mrs. L. Bruce, Mr. D. Dewar, Mr. D. Langman, Mr. H. Larsen, Mr. & Mrs. S. MacGill, and Mr. F. Swift who was the local Congress secretary.

It is worthy of note that both Miss Joan Larsen and Mr. Hans Larsen gained 96% in the NZEA Preparatory Examination. They were both awarded an Yvon Canty prize.

On 20th April, 20 esperantists met when Stefan MacGill showed slides of the UEA Congress in Belgrade.

**Esperanto in Schools.** It was reported that two classes at Chisnallwood School were progressing well and that a Course at Richmond College would definitely commence.

World travellers, Asbjorn and Tamiko Nielson from Norway spent 3 days in Christchurch and met the members of the Christchurch Society. They showed slides of their travels to the Club members. Asbjorn and Tamiko travelled by rail car to Arthurs Pass, and were permitted to ride in the cabin with the driver. He even stopped in the middle of a viaduct in order for them to take a photograph.

Congratulations were extended to Lučia Bruce and Brončjo Brown on their engagement.

**40th NZEA Congress in Christchurch 1975.** 20 members arrived on 3rd January to find that the blankets had been washed that day. However, that problem was overcome. Though small in numbers, the Congress was a success. The Christchurch Society gained the Drama Shield with the play, "La Diamanta Ringo" written by Enid Ockenden. Those taking part were Enid Ockenden, Cliff Brown and Lučia Bruce. The final profit from the Congress was \$206.30.

On 4th March, the following officers of the Christchurch Society were elected: President, Mr. F. Swift; Vice Presidents, Mrs. L. Bruce and Mr. C. Brown; Secretary, Miss E. Ockenden; Treasurer, Mr. H. Larsen; Committee, Mrs. E. Plumridge, Mrs. S. Scott, Mrs. D. Taege, Mr. B. Brickle, Mr. G. Dewar, and Mr. A. Faulkner. Teachers were Mrs. L. Bruce, Mr. F. Swift, Mr. C. Brown and Mr. W. Harding.

Enid Ockenden reported in the "NZ Esperantist" that her aunt, Mabel Ockenden had gained the Diploma of the British Esperanto Association in 1914. Her aunt had died in 1974, and it was only when Enid saw the Diploma that she found out her aunt was an experienced speaker in esperanto. Enid believed that Mabel had been a secretary of the Wellington Club at one time.

Marion Ross and Donald Bruce were congratulated on their engagement.

**Officers for 1976** elected on 9th March were President, Mr. C.H. Brown; Vice Presidents, Lučia Bruce and Frank Swift; Secretary, Enid Ockenden; Treasurer, Hans Larsen; Committee, Barbara Challis, Meg Blacker and Brum Faulkner. Information Officer, Cliff Brown; Librarian, Meg Blacker.

Meg had taken time off to study Esperanto for future overseas travel, and some of the Beginners were planning to attend the 1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne.

An approach was being made to introduce Esperanto to Four Avenues School and the prospects were very encouraging.

The Christchurch Society continued to meet monthly in the homes of members in order to become more fluent in Esperanto conversation. Sister Juliana, one of the Intermediate Students, was one of those to receive New Year Honours in 1976.

From 10th to 27th August, an Exhibition of Esperanto books, posters and magazines etc. was held in Broadlands Finance Co. The firm insured the Exhibition at no cost. A visitor from Australia who, quite by chance noticed the Exhibition, was able to contact Esperantists because of it.

Steve Darnold who gained DBEA in only 10 months, was President of the Canterbury University Esperanto Club and was editor of "Junularo." Melissa Dryden, another student attended the 1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne.

NZEA Preparatory Examination successes went to Anthony S. Lovett and Robert D. Davidson of Christchurch.

Donald Bruce and Marion Ross were married on 4th September surrounded by Esperantists, friends and relatives. The Bridal Couple were toasted, followed by dancing, after which they left for a tour around the South Island.



On 7th October, Mr. Des Langman spoke to a group of lady Rotarians on the subject, "International Understanding through Language". Des briefly spoke on all facets of Esperanto, its history, literature, organisation and practical use. He showed books from the Library and there were many questions.

On 6th and 7th November Christchurch Esperantists went to Oaro, near Kaikoura to learn about Maori archaeological finds in the district. Mrs. R. Plumridge gave much information about the Maoris in that area where the Museum of Canterbury had organised archaeological explorations. All kinds of artifacts were in Kaikoura and surrounding areas. A Quiz was arranged with teams, ladies versus men. Also a debate, "Esperanto will never be accepted as the World Language." A leisurely walk along the beach and other items ensured an enjoyable weekend.

Bill Aldridge from Wellington visited the Club towards the end of the year and spoke about his work as a translator and Mr. Ivan Pivac was a visitor to the Club at the end of November and he gave details of his work in Auckland as a Psychologist and discussed Acupuncture. Ivan was blind but had still been able to go to Hong Kong to study Acupuncture.

Zamenhof Evening was held on 7th December when 26 esperantists met in a room at the Ritchie Secretarial College when a varied programme was given. The Beginners class gave Christmas Greetings, the President a talk counselling members to make use of Esperanto, and Mandy, Luĉia and Terry Bruce played the piano accordion, harmonica and guitar. Meg Blacker, Barbara Challis and their instructor, Frank Swift presented a sketch, "Karlo" which Meg had written. Another play was presented by Luĉia and Bronĉjo Brown entitled "The Rusty Nail."

Exam Successes. Both Miss J. Larsen and Mr. H. Larsen passed the BEA Intermediate Examination with distinction.

**The First Club Meeting in 1977** was held on 1st March, and at the Annual General Meeting on 8th March Mrs. Olive Pollock was elected President. Vice Presidents, Mrs. L. Bruce and Mr. B. McAlpine; Secretary, Miss E. Ockenden; Treasurer, Mr. H. Larsen. All members were asked to attend Business Meetings once a month.

On 31st May, Booknight resulted in sales of \$99.70 plus \$49.59 for dictionaries and text books bought by the Club.

On 1st June, Mr. Des Langman by invitation spoke to young men of the Bryndwr Round Table on "Language Problems and the Answer." He gave practical demonstrations showing that Esperanto works in affairs between nations. One of the aims of the Round Table is international understanding.

On 5th October Mandy gave birth to a son named Daniel Antonio - Donald Bruce was the proud father and five days later, Sandra and Terry Bruce were blessed with a daughter, Melissa Janette.

Zamenhof Evening was held on 6th December when 32 esperantists celebrated the occasion by singing in esperanto. Mrs. Bruce presented a play and Miss Ockenden a modern esperanto form of "The Three Bears." Bronĉjo Brown performed a monologue and Mrs. Pollock organised two games.

**New Clubrooms.** As the Ritchie (formerly named Richmond) Secretarial College required the rooms for its own expanded number of classes in secretarial subjects, the Club arranged to meet in the Aged People's Welfare Centre, 88 North Avon Road.

**The Annual Meeting 1978** was held on 14th March and officers elected were President, Mr. H. Foley; Vice Presidents, Mrs. L. Bruce and Mr. B. McAlpine; Secretary, Mr. F. Swift; Treasurer, Mr. H. Larsen; Teachers, Mrs. Bruce, Mr. McAlpine, Mr. C. Brown. Mrs. O. Pollock to take the Conversation Group. Classes commenced 4th April.

On January 29th, Mr. Dave MacGill, accompanied by Mr. R. Nišida of Japan visited the Christchurch Society. He was a minister of the Buddhist religion and spoke about the religions in Japan. He also stated that there were quite a number of Esperanto Societies in Japan. He donated several books to the Club about Buddhism, and Mrs. Pollock thanked him for coming and for the books and presented him with a brochure about New Zealand.

Mrs. Field from Picton attended the 2nd Rondo on 3rd June. She had learnt Esperanto at the WEA in Christchurch, when Mrs. Pollock was teaching there 14 years previously. There were talks and games to stimulate the use of Esperanto.

Mr. Brown read a letter from Mr. Dave MacGill who described the funeral of Pastor Nišida of Japan who had visited the Christchurch Society with Mr. MacGill in January. Mr. MacGill in his letter explained the role of Mr. Nišida in the Buddha Monastery at Kyoto.

Several of the Club members were welcomed back from overseas. Mr. & Mrs. Bruce, Mr. & Mrs. McAlpine and Mrs. Meg Blacker.

On Zamenhof Evening 5th December, 30 esperantists attended and were rewarded with singing, sketches, team game and a play. Mr. Patrick & Mrs. Ruth van Berkel acted in a sketch which they themselves had written (and they were Beginners!) Dulcie and Peter Stocker presented

an amusing dialogue and Bronĉjo Brown a monologue as well as items by Luĉia Bruce and others.

In 1979 the Christchurch Society decided to meet monthly as a Rondo. This unfortunately did not allow any teaching for Beginners. President, Mr. C.H. Brown; Secretary, Mr. B. McAlpine.

At a special meeting on 19th April, members welcomed Mr. Kenzen Minami, a Japanese Esperantist and a photographer enthusiast. His name was added to the list of Japanese visitors, namely Professor Hori, the Issobe family and Pastor Nišida. Mr. Minami explained how difficult he had found learning English, and that later after he had learnt Esperanto, it was no problem. He spoke fluent Esperanto.

The following month, Sonja Scott gave an account of her trip to the Universal Congress in Varna and how she travelled by train from London for several days on her own. A little frightening and tedious. She visited a friend, Rosa Halasz at Salgatarian where she stayed 4 days, and at Jablunkov, Czechoslovakia where she stayed a further 4 days with Karl Karpečki and his charming wife. She then travelled through Hungary, Yugoslavia, across Bulgaria to Varna and the Universal Congress. She enjoyed the 8 days at the Congress with 5000 other esperantists from many lands. She also met another of her correspondents, Bohdan, during the Congress. She had to confess that it was wonderful to meet Mary and Bruce McAlpine from Christchurch and revert to English for a short time.

In June, 50 members were present at the Rondo to hear a letter from Peter Stocker, an active member of the Christchurch Club who with his wife Dulcie were staying for six months in Brunei, a small Mahomet State under the rule of a Sultan. Peter was a Pilot who had retired from NAC a short time previously. He had accepted a job as Pilot of Brunei Airlines, a small Company with only two planes.

Mrs. Olive Pollock told the group at the September Rondo that in mid August a Dutch Esperantist, Miss De Jager, had visited her. Later, at short notice, five of the Group were able to meet Miss De Jager who was a retired teacher, and they discovered that the whole group were teachers!

On 18th October, Mr. Clifford Brown and Mr. Bruce McAlpine addressed "The Optimists," a weekly lunch meeting at the YMCA. Mr. Brown spoke about the reasons for Esperanto, its use and organisation, and Mr. McAlpine told of his trip through the Socialist lands of East Europe and the World Congress. Unfortunately, most of the listeners were elderly and not likely candidates for the Christchurch Club.

The A.G.M. 1980 was held in the Aged People's Welfare Centre on 2nd March. President, Mr. C. H. Brown in the chair and 12 other members present. The election of officers resulted: President, Mr. B. McAlpine; Secretary, Mr. V. Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. B. Challis. It was decided not to elect a committee because the Society met only once each month and the WEA had discontinued Esperanto classes because despite intensive advertising, there were insufficient enrolments to reach the minimum required to start any class. During the year, the Society received 5 enquiries from people interest in Esperanto. Two were from intending students referred on by the WEA; the others had seen Esperanto in the telephone directory or read articles about Esperanto in the newspapers or elsewhere.

The A.G.M. 1981 was held in the Clubrooms, 88 North Avon Road, Christchurch, presided over by Mr. B. McAlpine with 6 other members present. Mr. F. Swift was elected President; Mr. V. Williams, secretary and Mrs. B. Challis, treasurer. In view of the reduced activity of the Society which still met only once each month, it was decided that no committee was necessary. Discussions with the WEA to try to re-establish classes there were unsuccessful. In addition to his duties as President, Mr. F. Swift also accepted appointment as secretary of the 47th NZEA Congress to be held in Christchurch in 1982.

NZEA 47th CONGRESS 6 - 10 January 1982 for which 35 registered, followed the usual pattern and though small, was nevertheless a success. Refer to early part of this book.

The Annual General Meeting held on 6th March resulted in Mr. F. Swift being appointed President; Secretary, Mr. Bruce McAlpine; Treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Challis. Club meetings to be held on 1st Sunday of the month. The Secretary would take Beginners at his home or at his work place and give fortnightly lessons. Mr. McAlpine offered to represent the Club at WEA meetings.

A Japanese teacher, Mr. Isikawa Takesi brought a group of girls and boys from Japan aged 11 years to attend the Merivale Intermediate School. Seven adults came with them. The aim was to take part in cultural and other activities in the classroom. At night, they stayed in private homes with New Zealand children of the same age. Mr. Isikawa was the only one who could speak Esperanto. The others in the party could read written English, but only with great difficulty could they speak it. Mr. Isikawa was a competent Esperanto speaker. The Christchurch members met

in the home of Mrs. Barbara Challis where they met Mr. Isikawa's charming 12 year old daughter who entertained them with songs and dances, while Mr. Isikawa gave much information about life in Japan. On other occasions, Dulcie and Peter Stocker and Mary and Bruce McAlpine invited him to their homes and enjoyed listening to all he told them about Japan.

**Officers for 1983** were, President, Mrs. S. Scott; Secretary, Mr. H. Foley; Treasurer, Mrs. B. Challis.

Last year, Mr. Isikawa visited the Club. This year he sent a tape on which was "La Espero," sung excellently by the Japanese Esperantists. It seems he was not impressed with the singing of the same hymn at the Christchurch Club!

On 20th March, the Christchurch City Council arranged a "Peace Day" in which 4000 people took part. The Christchurch Society was invited. Mr. Frank Swift sat at a table in Hagley Park surrounded by other tables and stalls and gave out information and brochures to those passing by. From time to time people would stop to ask questions and talk about the International Language. Unfortunately in the afternoon a strong wind blew, so that Frank Swift needed 3 pairs of arms and hands to prevent the data from blowing away.

Mrs. S. Scott attended the 68th Universal Congress in Budapest. There were over 5000 who attended which made it very difficult to find one's pen friends. Mrs. Scott found the organisers very helpful both at the Airport and throughout the Congress. She went on 2 excursions, one to the Grottos and the second was a full day on the Danube calling at a Pottery Shop and at a restaurant. Mrs. Scott met Stefan MacGill, but he was very occupied with the Congress. There were good programmes, and one had to elect which to attend. The evening entertainments were particularly good. A National Evening by Hungary. An International Choir Evening, A Young People's Evening, A Culture Evening and a Ball.

In 1984 the officers of the Club were re-elected, namely, President, Mrs. S. Scott; Secretary, Mr. H. Foley and treasurer, Mrs. B. Challis. No committee was elected. Meetings continued on a monthly basis.

During the year, Professor Kato, and former New Zealand resident, David MacGill, Japan, visited the Society.

**Officers elected for 1985** were, President and Treasurer, Mrs. B. Challis; Secretary, Mr. H. Foley.

A service was held in St. Columba Presbyterian Church on 2nd March with an international character. The Esperanto Flag was amongst others which were presented, and the Delegate for Christchurch read the lesson. (Reported in the early part of this book under 1985).

On 18th September, Mr. Des Langman addressed the local club of the "N.Z. Tecorians" in Hornby. There were 30 groups throughout New Zealand, and they aim to stimulate self confidence in speaking and social relations. 20 members attended, and showed their interest by the many questions that followed.

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### **DUNEDIN ESPERANTO CLUB**

As the Dunedin Club was quite new in 1963, there were very few details available for Mr. W. King's History. In view of that, this report will commence in 1962.

A small group of Esperantists met occasionally in the HB Buildings, the Octagon. They were Mrs. Bellugue, Mrs. P. McLachlan, Mrs. Ileen Wilkinson, Miss Alice Parker and Miss Merle Wildey. On 2nd March, two more people interested in Esperanto joined the group, Mrs. Enid Allen and Mr. Leo Ralston. Miss Wildey, the Leader, asked that each one take the position of secretary in turn, and asked Mrs. Allen to do so for this year. Meetings were held on 1st and 3rd Friday evenings.

A few weeks later, a letter was received from Mr. W.J. Noble, Editor of "The Evening Star," who asked for a speaker on Esperanto at the University of Otago Club's Dinner on 6th April 1962. A request to Mrs. Mary Richardson, General Secretary of NZEA resulted in Enid Allen and a "Star" reporter meeting Mr. Bertram Potts from Wellington. Miss Wildey gave hospitality to Mr. Potts during the weekend when he gave lessons to the Club members and also went to Alexandra to meet members there. Mr. Potts' address to the University was a great success, which resulted in Prof. Dr. P.M. Edwards becoming interested and giving lectures on Esperanto after Mr. Potts returned home.



**A NEW CLUB - DUNEDIN.** 15th June 1962. As a few new members had joined, namely, Mrs. Rhoda Boyd, Mrs. Lorraine Caton and Mr. J.R.S. Findon, it was decided to form the Dunedin Esperanto Club. Officers elected were: President, Mr. J.R.S. Findon; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. E. Allen; Committee, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Caton, Miss Wildey and Miss Parker.

During the previous few weeks, the secretary had contacted all Secondary Schools, Intermediate Schools, Training College and Scouts and Guide Headquarters re the teaching of Esperanto. All asked for further information.

The Club moved to the WEA Rooms in Manse Street as they were more suitable. Miss Wildey contacted Mr. Harri Thoms who gave some valuable lessons but was unable to join the Club owing to business pressure, but was ever ready with help when asked. A letter was received from Dr. P. M. Edwards, Professor at Otago University, who after listening to Mr. Potts' address offered to give an Esperanto Course at the University from 6th September to 5th October, 1962. No fees, no books and no examinations. Names of those attending to be sent to the Modern Language Dept. The final number was 130, approximately 115 attended the first lecture. This was held in the Red Lecture Room of the Medical School because the Language Dept. could not hold those numbers in any of their rooms. Members of our Club helped wherever needed, namely Mrs. Offord and the above named.

Dr. Edwards, a brilliant linguist compiled 20 foolscap papers of Esperanto lessons to be distributed to all. This was a great success, many joining the Club where they were made most welcome. Dr. Edwards, who became an enthusiastic supporter of the Esperanto language asked for a catalogue of serious literature which had been translated into Esperanto. A request was sent direct to B.E.A.

In reply to a letter which the secretary had sent to the Scouts' Area Commander, Mr. Evans, regarding teaching of Esperanto and offering help, he stated that he had authorised Esperanto in the Interpreters' Badge over 15 years, and also in the Linguists' Badge under 15 years. Good news indeed.

**First Annual Meeting, 22nd February 1963** which a good number of members attended. Officers elected were: President, Mr. J.R.S. Findon; Vice President, Miss Merle Wildey; Secretary, Mrs. Enid Allen; Treasurer, Mrs. Offord; Committee, Mesdames Ileen Wilkinson, Gladys Diehl, Ida Coombs, Rhoda Boyd, Mrs. Williamson and Mr. Townley. Miss Joan Fairhurst, Press Reporter and to keep a scrap book. Miss Merle Wildey to keep in touch with the Public Library re stocking of Esperanto books. Mr. H. Cummings our delegate to WEA. Miss Wildey accepted the position of Delegate to UEA. The guest was Mr. Dobson, England, who showed 2 excellent films of his travels through Europe while at 2 World Congresses.

During February, Dr. Edwards gave 12 Esperanto Lectures in the Public Library on behalf of the WEA Courses. Dr. Edwards also gave 2 talks on the value of Esperanto from 4YA. They were of 13 minutes duration. Miss Wildey taped them, and replayed them in the Club. Dr. Edwards also translated the well known poem by Goethe "Roslein Rot" set to music by Schubert and sung by his friend Dr. Brian Hellyer who had a beautiful bass voice.

Dr. Edwards suggested, that since Japanese students were required to first learn English or German to commence their degrees in Medicine, Sciences (Applied or Natural) Maths., Engineering etc. because Japanese was not sufficiently concise, that we should enquire whether Esperanto data and Papers were readily available in those matters. Mrs. Allen wrote to "The International Institute, The Hague, Holland."

The Dunedin Esperanto Club presented Dr. Edwards with Dante's "La Dia Komedio" (The Divine Comedy) when he left Dunedin for Canada, in appreciation for his splendid work for Esperanto. His reply re "Dante" was, "Any language able to translate Dante so admirably is well worthy of the highest praise."

**Second Annual Meeting, 7th February 1964** with 23 members present. Mr. Findon welcomed prospective new members and welcomed back Mr. Leo Ralston who had been travelling in England and Europe. Officers elected were: President, Mr. J. Rob Findon; Vice President, Miss Merle Wildey; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. Ritchie; Committee, Mesdames Aldridge, Allen, Gemmell, Diehl, Boyd, McLachlan, Misses McAhan, and Fairhurst. WEA Delegate, Mrs. Coombs.

This had been an active year with much progress. Visitors from England were Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Wiltshire who brought tapes and slides. Mr. Wiltshire gave a Lecture in the Public Library which was well attended. Miss Wildey gave the visitors hospitality.

**Esperanto in Schools:** Miss Wildey showed illustrations depicting Maori Legends with the Legends in Esperanto. The drawings were by pupils of Queen's High School.

It was reported on 15th May that a small Esperanto class at John McGlashan School for Boys had been started, and 2 official classes at Queen's High School taken by Miss Merle Wildey.

**Publicity:** The children's magazine, "Grains in the Wind" by some of the world's Esperanto speaking children was well explained by Miss Wildey in an article for the "Evening Star." Mr. Noble, always most helpful, printed it.

**Annual Meeting, 19th February 1965.** The President welcomed a good attendance of members and hoped that 1965 would be as interesting and enjoyable as 1964. Election of Officers: President, Mr. Townley; Vice President, Mrs. Enid Allen; Secretary, Mrs. Ida Coombs; Treasurer, Miss Joan Fairhurst; WEA Delegate, Mrs. Margery Marshall; Cuttings, Mrs. H. Cummings; Press, Mr. Rob Findon; Committee, Miss M. Wildey, Miss McAhan, Mrs. J. Wilkinson, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Findon.

Miss Wildey who attended the NZEA Congress in January praised the taped musical selections and reported that Dunedin was suggested for the 1967 Congress.

The year had been another interesting one with more books being bought and sold. Several members were away overseas. In June the Club donated £3.10 to the "History of Esperanto" being written by Mr. W. King. Miss Wildey gave a talk to the Society of Friends in July and they were very interested. During the year, the members enjoyed most interesting meetings with lessons, competitions, records etc. Special thanks were extended to Miss Wildey, Miss Vida McAhan who spent so much time when the children were attending.

A small presentation was made to Mrs. Coombs who was leaving Dunedin. She would be missed. Miss McGifford from Christchurch had a very pleasant conversational time with members after the meeting. To finalise the year most enjoyably, Mrs. Kathleen Carr invited all members to her home for coffee and to see the collection of dolls in National costume which she has collected during her world tours. The Annual Meeting was held on 19th October 1965 in the WEA Rooms, Manse Street. The Chairman was Mr. Cummings who expressed the regret of all members at the death of the President, Mr. Townley.

**Officers elected for 1966** (at the Annual Meeting on 19th November 1965) were, President, Mr. H. Cummings; Vice President, Miss Merle Wildey; Secretary, Mr. W. Marshall; Treasurer, Miss Joan Fairhurst; Committee, Mesdames McMullen, Carr, Misses McAhan, Wildey and Mr. Rob Findon. Mrs. Allen agreed to act if numbers were insufficient.

**Annual Meeting, November 1966** and Report not available but Mr. H. Cummings remained President.

**Annual Meeting** was held on 3rd November 1967. Officers elected were, President, Mr. Rob Findon; Vice President, Miss Merle Wildey; Secretary, Mr. W. Marshall; Treasurer, Miss Joan Fairhurst; Cuttings, Mrs. McPhee; Press reports, Mrs. H. McMullan; Committee, Mesdames Carr, Jackson, McMullan and Misses McAhan and Parker.

**Report:** The secretary reported that they had experienced an eventful year. The NZEA Congress was held at Aquinas Hall from 3rd to 9th January 1967. This was a first for Dunedin and a most exciting and rewarding experience for our Dunedin members. The Club thanked three Dunedin firms, "The Evening Star," "Holsum Co." and A.J. Allen for their help and donations to Congress. Special thanks was expressed to the three men, Mr. Rob Findon, Mr. H. Cummings and Mr. Bill Marshall who did so much before and during the Congress to help make it the success it undoubtedly was.

During February, the Polytechnic College introduced Esperanto into the syllabus. This was good news, and the Club thanked Miss Joan Fairhurst and Mr. Rob Findon for teaching during the year. The roll was 12, and if the Club had not given 4 scholarships and 2 of our members had not joined, the class would have closed. They hoped that the interest of the public would be aroused so that the class would continue next year, as it had again been included in their programme.

The Club was asked for a speaker for the Assembly of 100 pupils in April at the Polytechnic when Miss Fairhurst gave a most interesting talk about the Esperanto Movement.

Club members regretted the departure of 3 excellent members who were, Mrs. Lewis to Wellington; Mr. Cummings to Auckland, and Mr. Rob Findon to Gisborne, both the latter on account of promotion. They wished them well but would have like to have kept such fine members.

**Report:** During November 1967, all schools were circularised about the Art Competition sponsored by the Dunedin Esperanto Club to be run during Dunedin's Festival Week January - February 1968. All entries to be left courtesy of Mr. J.A. Munroe, Y.M.C.A. in their vestibule. It would be judged by Miss Duffy, Art Dept., Education Dept. The Display during Festival Week 30th January until 2nd February was held by courtesy of King Edward Technical High School in their theatrette in Tennyson Street. The Display included the Art Work, World Stamps, "Grains in the Wind," and postcards from Esperanto friends overseas.

The Club sent \$20.00 towards expenses to bring Stefan MacGill to Dunedin during that week. Irene Watts accompanied him and were the guests of Mrs. Shirley Barton. Both proved a great help. Stefan gave lectures and showed films in the afternoons and evenings, and Miss Wildey gave lessons during the mornings. The Club had good publicity in both the "Times" and "Evening Star," also posters on an A.J. Allen Bus, and 300 balloons with "Esperanta Lingvo Internacia" given out during the Festival Procession.

The first Club Meeting on 16th February 1968 was very encouraging with a large attendance including 12 High School pupils. No Polytechnic class was held owing to insufficient enrolments. At the next meeting, 18 pupils attended as well as the adults. Miss Merle Wildey and Miss Vida McAhan were invaluable as teachers.

**Esperanto in Schools:** A class started on Monday mornings at Maori Hill School with 16 pupils. These were Stds. 3 and 4 children in a Hobby class and taught by Mrs. E. Allen.

**YWCA** arranged classes on Saturdays during the 2nd and 3rd terms with Miss Merle Wildey and Mrs. Eileen Aldridge as teachers.

**Overseas Art Exhibition.** Mrs. E. Allen parcelled up 50 pieces of art from the following schools:- Wakari, Corstorphine, St. Philomena's, Portobello and King Edward Technical High School to go to Zidai nad Sazaron on request for their Exhibition. The "Times" took photos and inserted an article for that paper.

Permission was given by the Otago Building Society to hold the Children's International Art Display in their building for next Festival Week 1969.

**Funds for NZEA:** \$230 was collected for NZEA. The Club sent \$100.00 to NZEA and \$100.00 to E.J.A.N.Z. Special thanks were expressed to Mrs. Kathleen Carr and Mrs. Eileen Aldridge.

Our renowned travelling nurse, Miss Louise Sutherland attended Club Meetings to learn Esperanto before further travel overseas.

**Friday 1st November 1968 election of Officers:** President, Mrs. E. Allen; Vice President, Miss Merle Wildey; Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Barton; Treasurer, Mrs. Elma McRobbie; Press reports, Mrs. Eileen Aldridge; Committee, Mesdames Carr, Dalcombe, McMullan, Sutherland, Jackson, Gemmell, Misses Wildey and Jenny Wren.

**WEA Esperanto Course:** Miss Eileen Wilkinson was the Lecturer for this course in 1969.

**A Class for Teachers** was taken by Miss Wildey during Festival Week.

The year commenced with **Festival Week** when the International Display of Children's Art was held on 3rd Floor, Otago Building Display Centre. This was an overwhelming success, with approximately 17,000 people viewing it. Dates were 18th to 25th January, 9.00am to 9.00pm. Also 27th to 31st January 6.00pm to 9.00pm. As the Festival had finished, showing it the second week was a waste of time. Few attended.

The request through pen friends and UEA advertisement brought in 426 paintings from 12 countries. The Otago Building Display Centre donated 24 volumes of "Beautiful New Zealand" - one volume was sent to 24 different schools in the different countries. The Tourist Department also were most helpful and sent brochures, large posters and tikis to the concerned schools and pupils who had contributed. These were all well received, many of whom sent replies. Mr. Brian Ward, manager, was always most helpful. Much appreciated help was given by Messrs. Jim Peterson, Peter Duncan and Colin Allen erecting standards and hardboard Display boards; flowers from Mrs. Coutts; Mrs. Sutherland who very kindly hosted Irene and Stefan from Christchurch and Mr. Montgomery, two desks from the Education Board.

All members took turns to be on duty including the Wakari Esperanto Group who also gave sterling help with preparing the Display. With only 10 cents charge for adults, children free, our final cheque of \$117.00 was very satisfactory - the promotion of Esperanto being beyond counting. This was evidenced by the first meeting on 21st February 1969 when 45 attended. 26 new adults and children with the previous 19 members. Attendance during the year was encouraging with an average of 33 each night. This meant a big task for the teachers who have done a sterling job, the diverse ages being a contributing factor to their difficulty, but a most satisfactory and happy year.

We farewelled Misses Louise Sutherland and Alison Duke during the year, Alison to Auckland and Louise to Hong Kong for a year of free service with a Hospital Clinic. We miss these cheerful young people.

**Obituary:** It was with a feeling of real loss that the death was reported of Mrs. Helen McMullan after a short illness. She was one of the Foundation members and such a willing and generous helper.

Two Australian girls, Val Tuesley and Julie, working and touring the world for a second time, asked help in learning Esperanto during their short stay in Dunedin. They said, "We have toured once without Esperanto, but not again. It is a must."

The Dunedin Club had a strong link with Christchurch starting the year with a "Get Together" when both Clubs met on 22nd March at the Waimate High School. The Dunedin members



chartered a Turnbull's bus at a cost of \$50.50, leaving Dunedin at 7.30am and returning 9.00pm after a delightful day. They were fortunate in their bus driver, Mr. Christos, whose son Paul became one of the younger members of the Club. Each Club presented half of the programme while EJANZ conducted their own affairs.

Stefan and Harujiro Miyazaki, 21 year old technician, on a year's working holiday in New Zealand were in Dunedin for the University Arts Festival, which coincided with "Miles for Hunger" held throughout New Zealand. Both boys walked the 21 miles to which we contributed 10 cents per mile. Tony Richardson, EJANZ President, was also in Dunedin for Arts Week, when one of our new members, Mrs. June Holtman was his hostess.

Mrs. Enid Allen spoke at a St. Kilda Rotary Club Luncheon when 40 or so members attended. She gave out "The Key," with the result that she received a note in Esperanto the next morning from one of the members.

There was great disappointment and frustration when the book "Short History of New Zealand," a Government publication, was found to be out of print when some Club members wanted to buy them. The Wakari Group had translated it into Esperanto with Miss Wildey and Mr. Rolt of Hamilton correcting the work, and Mrs. Greta Bussell stencilling and duplicating the translation.

Congratulations were extended to Dunedin's young EJANZ representative, Briar Fraser for her fine literary efforts and original stories and drawings in "Junularo."

Thanks were extended to Pam Hopper and Gillian Burborough for extending the knowledge of Esperanto by talks at their respective schools.

Paintings from the children of St. Mary's, Portobello and Wakari Schools, with hand made articles from other children were sent to Celje, Yugoslavia, and Porto Alegre, Brazil.

**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 1970** was held on 7th November 1969 in the WEA Rooms, Manse Street: Officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. Allen; Vice President, Miss M. Wildey; Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Barton; Treasurer, Mr. Viggo Nielson; Delegate to WEA, Mrs. Prue Wilson; Committee, Mesdames Kathleen Carr, Alva Hopper, Sheila Gemmell, Eileen Aldridge, Beryl Dalcombe, Misses Joan Fairhurst, Paula O'Regan, and Mr. Frank van Dessel.

Plans for 1970 were in hand for the Festival Week. Mrs. Sheila Gemmell's suggestion that we have a Finnish Week because the UEA Congress was held in Helsinki, was a good one, as was Mrs. Elva McRobbie idea of dressing dolls in Finnish costumes for a competition.

Indeed, a busy and satisfactory year was the President's comment.

**1970. A Finnish Week** with the Doll Competition was a great success, and the Club was very fortunate that the Judge of the Dolls was carried out by Miss Leene Koskinen, newly arrived from Finland to work as Professor at the Dental School.

Those who helped with the Display: Miss Koskinen had sent the Club 3 illustrated books of Finnish costumes and these were most helpful as were the following:- The Finnish External Affairs, Helsinki; the Embassy at Canberra, Australia, the nearest Finnish Ambassador. Mr. Brian Ward, who again gave us the use of the 3rd Floor, Otago Building Display Centre; the Public Library where the films were shown in their Lecture Room with Posters in the lobby and Esperanto books specially displayed. Arthur Barnetts with Displays of Finnish articles as Whitcombes did with books. Mr. Henderson, Director of the Botanical Gardens who found similar samples of Finnish moss, lichen and flowers. Dr. & Mrs. de Hamel, with the loan of 3 trolls, a model house and the names of the moss, lichen and flowers. Received by air from Mrs. Irja Klemola (friend of Merle and Enid) 11 dolls dressed in Finnish costumes, and later 2 more dolls from Lapland with genuine Laplandish handcraft. This was felt to be wonderful co-operation.

The WEA Esperanto Course started February and continued for 10 weeks with 22 students and with Mrs Eileen Aldridge as Lecturer. It was most successful, and hopefully will be repeated.

At the Club, 18 young folk commenced classes. These were taken by Mrs. Greta Bussell and Mrs. Sheila Gemmell.

**Translation:** Miss Merle Wildey was congratulated for her translations of Maori Legends into Esperanto and taped. Also her continued classes at Queens High School and Macandrew Intermediate. This teaching to school children was felt to be invaluable.

During July, the City held an Education week. Parker and Keane offered the Club members a window on the main street which was decked out with posters and slides, with Merle Wildey and Sheila Gemmell taking, during the day, 2 classes of Secondary and Primary girls, discussing the slides. This meant that a continual group of people stopped to listen.

Mrs. Greta Bussell was asked to speak to the Bayfield J.C. Young Wives Group who were very interested in the Esperanto language.

EJANZ of Christchurch proposed a weekend with Dunedin Esperantists. They met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wren who generously offered their home at Karitane. Mr. & Mrs. Bussell agreed to

be the House Parents when 5 Christchurch Esperantists and 30 from Dunedin enjoyed the meeting. It was interesting that 10 nationalities were present, namely, English, Scottish, Finnish, Danish, Japanese, German, Maori, South African, Dutch and New Zealanders.

**Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers held on 6th November 1970:** President, Mrs. Gretta Bussell; Vice President, Miss Merle Wildey; Secretary, Miss Nell Reid; Treasurer, Mr. Viggo Nielson.

**1971:** For Festival Week so many Organisations were again kind to the Club:- The YWCA lent a room to display the splendid collection of Miss Wildey's dolls, stamps and other interesting items, and the Public Library lent a show case for the display of Esperanto books with our Posters in their lobby.

Esperanto Classes were taken at the WEA Course by Mrs. Gretta Bussell. At Balmacewan School 30 Form 2 students were taught by Mrs. Eileen Aldridge; Mrs. Sheila Gemmell taught a group of 9 Columba College girls in her home; Miss Merle Wildey taught at Queens High School and St. Clair Primary School.

Mrs. Bussell was asked to speak to 22 Scout Leaders at a special weekend at Waiora Scout Training Centre. The Instructor was from Levin and all but 1 of the 22 Leaders were interested, and Mr. Mervyn Cranefield, one of our members who had organised the Seminar, offered to do some follow-up on the 4 local leaders.

Another enjoyable weekend was held at Karitane. This time the House Parents were Mrs. Christine and Mr. Viggo Nielson. All agreed it was a great success.

**Dunedin Federated Business & Professional Women's Club.** Mrs. Eileen Aldridge and Miss Nell Reid were appointed the Club's representatives to attend the International Meeting of the above Club.

An invitation was received to attend the Opening of the new extension of St. Paul's Cathedral which was accepted and attended by Mrs. Gretta Bussell and Mrs. Elma McRobbie.

So brought to a close another busy, happy year with much diversity in the Esperanto programmes at the fortnightly meetings.

**Officers Elected for 1972** were, President, Mrs. Gretta Bussell; Vice Presidents, Miss Paula O'Regan, and L. Forster; Secretary, Miss Nell Reid; Treasurer, Mr. Viggo Nielson; WEA Delegate, Mrs. Elma McRobbie.

For Festival Week 1972, a very enthusiastic and hard working member, Mr. Frank van Dessel made an "Electric Board" for Display in the Building Display Centre, who kindly lent us space again through the manager, Mr. Brian Ward. This board was much appreciated, especially by the young and not so young. People were intrigued by pressing a button, and seeing, say, a dog, and the word "hundo" appearing on the screen. Frank had painted an excellent picture of familiar objects, a house with windows, chimney, smoke, children, animals and trees. For any school wishing to use this big electric board after the Festival, Mr. van Dessel offered to transport it.

Our equally enthusiastic and hard working treasurer, Mr. Viggo Nielson, made two excellent Display Boards which have been put to good use in the Public Library, YWCA and a Bank. This type of publicity usually brought in a few more new members and much interest.

**WEA Class.** Another successful Esperanto class under the auspices of the WEA was taken by Mrs. Gretta Bussell.

**Esperanto Taught in Schools:** During the year, Mrs. Joan Hardy from the Wakari Esperanto Group taught 2 classes with 20 girls and boys in each at the Balmacewan Intermediate School. Mr. John Irving, with 2 teachers, taught 105 girls and boys at Macandrew Intermediate. It was decided that this school would teach Esperanto by 2 teachers for 2 periods a week with Form 2 Groups in place of French. The 2 teachers to attend the WEA Thursday evening class, conducted by Gretta Bussell. The Club to assist if requested.

**Overseas Visitors:** Two overseas visitors were entertained by the Dunedin Club, Mr. John Vilkki from Finland, at present working in New Guinea, and Dorothy Lee of California.

A Young People's Weekend was held at Woodend, Christchurch, and those attending were enthusiastic about their trip. Mrs. Leonora & Frank van Dessel, Mrs. Gretta Bussell, and Mrs. McRobbie lent their support by attending.

At his request, Frank van Dessel was given permission to prepare a suitable poster for placing in the Railway Station and at the Terminal Buildings at the Airport.

**Raffle:** Frank also received permission to run a raffle for club funds, first prize a canary or budgerigar, donated by Frank. Mrs. Allen reported to both managers of the Railway Station and Airport seeking permission to display Frank van Dessel's posters.

**Election of Officers, Annual Meeting 3rd November 1972:** No details available but it was thought that the same officers were re-elected.

**Festival Week January, 1973:** The Dunedin Club's contribution for 1973 to the Festival Week included a Children's Poster Competition. Age groups:- under 8 years, Animals of the World; 8 to 12 years, World Friendship; 13 to 16 years, International Travel. These posters were hung in Municipal Lane, permission obtained from the City Council, and Viggo Nielson's Screens and Frank van Dessel's Board featured in the Display. Posters were judged by Miss Angela Neeson, Art Education Officer at the Dunedin Public Library.

The Competition was advertised on 4XO, thanks to the Otago Savings Bank's free offer of free publicity by way of the Bulletin Board.

Mrs. Allen reported that it was pleasing to all the members, the excellent translation of "Winnie the Pooh." The Club immediately donated a copy to the Public Library.

The secretary reported that the Club had been fortunate in the quality and ability of their members. Miss Merle Wildey and Mrs. Sheila Gemmell had carefully looked after their book supply. Another pleasing year with progress in Esperanto, and many good friends made by the way.

**Annual General Meeting 2nd November 1973:** These officers were the same as for 1972 and 1973: President, Mrs. Gretta Bussell; Vice President, Miss Paula O'Regan; Secretary, Miss Nell Reid; Treasurer, Mr. Viggo Nielson, and in his absence, Mrs. Elma McRobbie.

1974 started with another exceptionally good Display during Festival Week, again in the Otago Building Display Centre. The Centre had decided on a "Display of Nations" where they were discussing arrangements for a special Exhibition featuring the cultures of 6 countries - Italy, Japan, Russia, China, Holland and Sweden. On reading this in the Otago Daily Times, Mrs. Allen rang and asked Mr. Ward, the manager of the Building Centre, if they, the Esperantists, could join in with them. Joan Fairhurst, Frank van Dessel and Enid Allen were appointed and attended the many meetings of these groups.

Frank made another Board, with an Illuminated Map of the World joining up the countries with ribbons to the centre point, New Zealand. Incorporated in the large area in front of the world, miniature dolls dressed in the costumes of their country; Esperanto books, the Bible, Dante's "The Divine Comedy," some Shakespeare, and "Winnie the Pooh;" stamps; Publicity brochures in Esperanto from firms in the 6 countries concerned, and Greetings from the Chief Delegates in those countries to illustrate the widespread use of Esperanto. Indeed a most impressive Display. Leanora van Dessel, Frank's wife, earned the praise and thanks of the members for her valuable help.

Another good member, Mrs. Kathleen Carr, in appreciation of the work of Leanora and Frank, invited them and the other helpers to her home for afternoon tea on the last afternoon, when a small gift was given to Frank, and Mrs. Carr showed her personal appreciation by giving something to their children.

An interesting visitor who had learnt of the Display from the Festival Programme, was Miss Margaret Furness, a medical student from Tasmania, who was on holiday. As the group were leaving for Mrs. Carr's home when she arrived, she was taken with them where she received a warm welcome.

The interest stimulated during Festival Week resulted in a large number of people of all ages attending combined lessons for one term on 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the Club's Rooms in Manse Street. As a new venture, on 4th Tuesday for a few months, the more Advanced members met for conversation and further study in the Meeting House of The Society of Friends to whom the Club was most grateful for the use of their excellent facilities.

During the year the Youth Club was formed under the guidance of Leanora & Frank van Dessel, and Esperanto and crafts and games were among the activities of this group.

The members of the Dunedin Club were invited to a Sunday afternoon tea held by the Youth Club who entertained parents and friends and displayed craft work made during the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Dunedin invited the Dunedin Esperanto Club to join with them in a Display at the Burn's Hall during Festival Week 1975. The Esperanto Club would have its own Bay, and plans were going ahead favourably for their contribution.

Recently, Mrs. Lucia Bruce and Mr. Clifford Brown from Christchurch visited the Club. They were most welcome visitors with their entertaining sketches and stimulating conversation.

A Congratulatory Letter was sent from the Club to Mr. Stefan MacGill who recently won the International Oratory Contest at the World Esperanto Congress in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Stefan was another most welcome friend and visitor with his help and interesting information.

The Annual Meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Elma McRobbie, 69G Melville Street in November 1974. Officers elected were: President, Miss Joan Fairhurst; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Elma McRobbie and Mrs. J. Jackson; Secretary, Miss Nell Reid; Public Relations and Treasurer, Mr. Frank van Dessel.



During 1975, Mr. Frank van Dessel spent a vast amount of time in connection with the Junior Club, which was a very valuable work.

Congratulations were expressed to Judy Campbell, President of the Junior Club, who gained the highest marks in New Zealand for an Essay Contest on the future and history of the Movement in New Zealand, and won a trip to Melbourne to attend the 1st Pacific Congress. Also thanks were given to Linda Allen and Mark Fynmore for all their time and interest in the Junior Club.

The New Clubrooms in Burn's Hall for both Senior and Junior members have proved to be a great asset. During the year, the Club gained new Juniors and in April enjoyed a weekend camp at Lawrence as well as a picnic at Buckland's Crossing.

An Outstanding Visitor during the year was Mrs. Margaret Proctor, Vice President of the Central London Esperanto Club. She was an Esperanto enthusiast, and a vital and experienced speaker, whom we were privileged to have in Dunedin for a few days.

It was with regret that Mrs. Allen reported the death of Mrs. Kathleen Carr on 21st October, one of the Club's dearest members. Her passing came as a shock to all the members, and the Club and the Esperanto Movement suffered a great loss.

Annual Meeting, 15th November 1975 when the Club elected Mr. Frank van Dessel, President; the office of Vice President was left vacant. Secretary, Miss N. Reid; Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith; Delegate to WEA, Mr. Frank van Dessel.

The first Meeting was held on 3rd Thursday in February 1976, the secretary to find a room.

Festival Week. Frank van Dessel tried to arrange something special for Festival Week but was unsuccessful. It was decided that the Club would not participate this year.

On 19th February 1976, the first meeting was held in Burn's Hall. Only 6 members attended and after much discussion, it was decided that the Dunedin Esperanto Club go into recess for 1976 owing to the loss of membership. So many of the young folk had left Dunedin after their studies and with sickness and death amongst some of our older very dear members, it was thought advisable. It was a unanimous decision and Enid Allen was asked to accept the secretary's position owing to the very serious illness of our much loved Nell Reid.

Future meetings would be held privately in members' homes when suitable. Telephone to be re-listed to Merle or Gretta. All books from the room to be transferred to 21 Greenhill Avenue in the meantime.

At the Memorial Stadium, a Function called "Leisurama" was staged, where groups from the town staked their allotted space. Posters were made by Frank van Dessel, books, stamps, etc. were on display, and Mr. Jack Bussell, Gretta's husband, fixed up the tape recorder with headphones where the public listened to some of our tapes, and we talked to those interested. This was another opportunity not to be missed.

The President reported that although the Club had been in recess during 1976, members had kept the interest active by meeting occasionally to use the language. Enid Allen and Gretta Bussell had used Esperanto extensively while visiting numerous Clubs on a trip through the West Coast of USA and Canada and had received tremendous help and hospitality from Esperantists in every area.

Election of Officers for 1977: President, Mrs. Gretta Bussell; Vice President, Mrs. Ngaire Edmund; Secretary, Miss Nell Reid; Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith. Miss Nell Reid was heartily re-elected as secretary, and endorsed by all with special thanks for her excellent work on the Club's behalf and wishing her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Allen was appointed acting secretary.

1977. The Club decided to continue meeting twice monthly in the Pioneer Women's Hall, the first evening to be 9th March.

It was decided on 25th May to discontinue meeting in the Pioneer Hall and to meet in each others homes. The Club managed to weather a fairly difficult year, and the members were as enthusiastic as ever, even though it had been necessary to curtail the number of actual meetings. Membership stood at 12.

Some members were able to meet during the afternoon, and those who sent in exercises have had them corrected by Mrs. Gretta Bussell and returned to them. This was only helpful from a grammatical point of view, and it was hoped that next year there would be fuller meetings to allow conversation to be more fully undertaken.

Last year, we were saddened by the death of our splendid secretary and friend, and this year by the death of one of our most experienced and well loved member and friend, Mrs. Eileen Aldridge. Eileen was always a wonderful Esperantist in every sense of the word.

During 1977 also, Miss Merle Wildey and Miss Paula O'Regan travelled overseas to Europe and the USA.

Annual Meeting 17th November, 1977 in the home of Mrs. Gretta Bussell.

Officers elected for 1978 were Miss Paula O'Regan, President; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith; Education Officer, Miss Merle Wildey.

The first of our meetings for 1978 was held at the home of Mrs. Enid Allen, when 11 members attended, with 4 apologies. Miss Paula O'Regan, back from her trip, gave a most exciting talk and showed spectacular slides.

The year had been quiet with regular meetings.

The Annual Meeting in November 1978 was held at the Training College for which we were grateful to Paula for arranging it.

**Election of Officers for 1979:** President, Miss Paula O'Regan; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith.

Mr. Frank van Dessel suggested ideas for interesting the Training College students, and Paula welcomed Frank's expertise with Poster Displays, and he and Paula agreed to co-operate.

The Group's Singing was most entertaining and interesting. Paula and Frank played the guitar, and Sister Hilary played the piano.

Mrs. Carol Hendry, though not a member, was very enthusiastic about Esperanto. She had recently given a talk over 4ZB, and on this occasion the Dunedin Club appreciated hearing her.

The Annual Meeting in November 1979 was again held in the Staff Room, Teachers' Training College in November 1979. 9 members attended; there were 2 apologies and 2 new members.

**Election of Officers for 1980 were,** President, Miss Paula O'Regan; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith.

Miss Paula O'Regan was going to put up Notices at the College hoping to start a Group, as the students were not prepared to come to our Club. Their studies and other activities usually proved too much.

Members continued to meet every three weeks during the winter months, when Miss Alice Parker kindly allowed the Group the use of her home.

A Display at the Public Library was discussed, and it was agreed that Paula, Merle and Frank would organise tapes and films, depending on space available.

Sister Hilary thought that a class could be formed at Moreau College. Enid Allen offered books and papers to help her.

As Gretta Bussell was leaving for overseas with her husband, a vote of thanks to Gretta was heartily endorsed by all members. She would be greatly missed, and members gratefully acknowledged their appreciation for all she had done for the Club and Esperanto.

The Annual Meeting was held on 22nd October 1980 at the home of Judith and Paul Murphy. This was a month early because of the expected absence of the secretary.

**Election of Officers for 1981:** President, Miss Paula O'Regan; Vice President, Mrs. Kathleen Morris; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. N. Smith.

**Obituary:** This was a sad and subdued meeting, as the Group was informed that the Founder and the most wonderful of Esperantists, our dear Merle Wildey had died. Words could not convey the depth of our feelings. She was loved by all of us. She was so gentle, and always so ready with help everywhere. A very great loss.

It was agreed that a book be given each year to the most improved member, the book to be called, "The Merle Wildey Book." This was warmly welcomed and appreciated.

It was proposed that the Linguaphone records with the accompanying books be the Programme for 1981. Frank offered to cassette tape the records for all who desired them.

After discussion, it was decided to hold an informal evening at Moreau College on 12th November as it was discovered that Gretta Bussell would be back in town and would speak of her recent trip.

The Annual Meeting was held on 2nd December 1981 in the Staff Room at Moreau College. 7 members attended and there was 1 apology.

Officers elected for 1982 were, President, Miss Paula O'Regan; Vice President, Mrs. Kathleen Morris; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Smith.

The President regretted her absence from so many meetings, but her school activities took her out of Dunedin which made a busy year. With her return to normal hours in 1982, she hoped to take a more active part.

**Esperanto Introduced into a College:** Sister Hilary reported an Esperanto class at Moreau College for one term.

Sarah Gemmell, daughter of Mrs. Sheila Gemmell went to study at the Quaker School in Tasmania where she introduced Esperanto to an enthusiastic group of school friends.

**Merle Wildey Book Prize.** It was heartedly endorsed by all that Mrs. Kathleen Morris be the recipient for the "Merle Wildey Book." "Winnie-the-Pooh" was the book selected for this year.

During 1982 the members met at Moreau College, where they talked and worked in Esperanto. The numbers were small, but still the members were enthusiastic, and the lessons interesting.

**Television Publicity:** Mr. Jim Moro of Dunedin TV1 interviewed members of the Dunedin Club in the home of Mrs. Enid Allen, 21 Greenhill Avenue. The members sat at a table in the lounge where Jim interviewed them about names of different items, photographing them at the same time. There was a Display of Esperanto material for the cameras. Jim finished the item by speaking to people in the Octagon, asking the public, "Do you know what Esperanto is?" This was shown on TV1 two nights later and was of 7 minutes duration.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Dunedin Botannical Gardens on 28th January 1983, and attended by 7 members.

It was with deep regret that we accepted the resignations of the President, Miss Paula O'Regan and the secretary, Mrs. Nancy Smith. Both had been valued members of the Dunedin Club for many years, and due to family and business commitments, they must now leave. Paula leaves for Auckland. Another blow, was losing two other good members, Leanora and Frank van Dessel, who with their family went to live in Queensland, Australia.

With this sad state of affairs, with only 4 members left, the Group decided to go into recess for a while, and voted Mrs. Kathleen Morris as President, Secretary/treasurer.

Since 1983 to 1985, a few of the members met in the home of Mrs. Enid Allen, with Esperanto the main subject.

**Publicity:** The following is an article published in the "Otago Daily Times" by Preston John on 21st November 1985. It was headed: "Talk of the Times," and headed "Esperanto." "I have suggested more than once that if it is looking for more opportunities to attract New Zealand-wide interest, the University of Otago should consider establishing a unit in Esperanto and setting itself up as the prime mover for the Universal Language in this country.

The evidence for this increases as the years pass. I see in the London Times that the campaign to introduce Esperanto as a language option in British schools is now backed by 177 M.Ps. - the largest all-party pressure group in Westminster.

Esperanto, which will be 100 years old in 1987, is already being taught in 15 British schools, and a lecturer in the subject has recently been appointed by the University of Liverpool."

**Miss Merle Wildey's Books.** Mrs. E. Allen was given hundreds of Miss Wildey's books (she bought everything her students required) as well as "Internacia Mondliteraturo," and on reading about Mrs. Browne's appeal for books for a school library, Mrs. Kathleen Morris and Mrs. Enid Allen packed and posted them to her.

Three Meetings were held at Mrs. Allen's home entertaining Esperantists from Portland, USA, a Japanese scientist, and a Danish Esperantist, Paul Thorsen, who came recently.

During the past year, the group was pleased to be able to help a young woman, Miss Lois Blair, who was a keen Esperantist recently returned from England.

The Group continued, forever hopeful that someone sometime would be fired with the enthusiasm which had been shown by members, past and present, and the Club would rise again.

Mrs. Enid Allen concluded that "The Wakari Group" was always a great pleasure to work with, and was fully and enthusiastically behind any project undertaken by the Dunedin Club.

This little poem was composed by Miss Vida McAhan for the Festival Week 1968 and printed on a large Poster with other Display goods.

A word ends in "O"  
Well, that's a fair go,  
No need to frown,  
It must be a noun.

A word ends in "A"  
It's an adjective gay,  
If you need more than one,  
Add a "J" and it's done.

A verb ends in "as"  
Or an "is" or an "os,"  
By learning this rhyme  
You won't be at a loss.

For an "as" is the present,  
"is" is the past,  
And "os" is the future  
Coming so fast.

**So learn Esperanto now.**



## ESPERANTO FORUM AUCKLAND

At the Annual General Meeting of the International Language Society, Auckland held on 7th November 1985, the name of the Society was changed to "Esperanto-Forumo." There had been some confusion in that the public thought that the Society was expert and could give translations of all languages. This was not the case. It was also noticeable that there was no mention of "Esperanto" in the name, as Esperantists know that Esperanto was created to be The International Language, but all the public are not aware of this.

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## HAMILTON ESPERANTO CLUB

The Hamilton Esperanto Club which recommenced in 1963 continued in 1964, meeting every Tuesday.

Mrs. Joan Rolt taught Esperanto to children in a Hobby Class at Fairfield Intermediate School. Through her son, who was in the class, Mrs. Ann Taylor met Mrs. Rolt after which Mrs. Taylor joined the Hamilton Esperanto Club.

The President was Mr. W.F. Rolt; secretary, Mrs. Joan Rolt and treasurer, Mrs. Ann Taylor. Visitors to the Club in 1964 were Mr. F. Wood of Auckland, and Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Parsons, Te Awamutu.

The Hamilton Club affiliated to NZEA in 1965.

In 1972, a report in the "NZE" stated that the Hamilton Esperantists had helped the Te Awamutu Club set up a Stall at the Hobby Exhibition arranged by the Hamilton Rotary Club on 23rd to 25th March. NZEA supported by sending books and propaganda leaflets. The Hobby Exhibition occupied the large Winter Show Building and was seen by over 30,000 people in the three day period. Handwritten postcards and letters from overseas aroused more interest than other items. 25 names of people interested in learning Esperanto were taken, and of these, a class of 14 were meeting regularly. The class was held in the home of Mrs. Ann Taylor, 649 River Road, Hamilton. The teacher was Mr. W.F. Rolt. It was hoped that a Club could be formed.

The Club did continue, and several of the members regularly attended Regional Weekends in Auckland and Whangarei which were organised by the Auckland Club. Members also attended the NZEA Congresses. Mr. W.F. Rolt continued to devote his time to publicising and working for Esperanto. He was the author of the book, "Polvo de la Tero," and an examiner for the British Esperanto examinations. He was a Foundation Member of the N.Z. Institute of Esperanto.

At one time, a number of young girls who were planning an overseas trip wanted to learn Esperanto in order to have contacts in different countries. It was a casual and friendly group, and they used Book 1 by Markarian for a text book.

It was with sadness that Esperantists learnt of the passing of Mr. W.F. Rolt on 23rd January 1980. He and his wife Joan were the only known experienced Esperantists in Hamilton, and they devoted their time to teaching and publicising Esperanto in Hamilton over many years.

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## HAWKES BAY ESPERANTO CLUB

In 1964, Mrs. B.V. Rickard passed away. She was a member of the first class of the Hastings Esperanto Club in 1955. To ensure that there were sufficient students for a Course at the Hastings Boys High School, she attended elementary evening classes held there.

Sometime before 1968, the name of the Hastings Esperanto Club was changed to the Hawkes Bay Esperanto Club. Members lived in both Hastings and Napier. In January 1968, Mr. R. Harding represented the Hawkes Bay Club as its delegate at the NZEA Congress in Whangarei, and in that year the Club affiliated to NZEA.

In 1969, the Hawkes Bay Club organised a Two-Day Intensive Course more particularly for Teachers. The Club considered that they had a good deal to gain from the Course. It was a young Club as most of the members had been learning only a few months, but it also had a few fluent speakers who could bring the others to higher levels. The Club had a good membership, lots of enthusiasm, but not enough teachers. This was the situation for which the Intensive Course was

created.

It was a Two-Day Course as it occurred at a time of the year when there were no Public holidays. Two teachers were obtained with very different approaches to classroom work, Mr. Bertram Potts and Mr. David MacGill. The Club paid their rail fares, and gave them accommodation, and organised premises at both Hastings and Napier as the membership covered both towns and beyond. The organisers also arranged transport between the two towns and asked everybody to attend.

Two classes sorted themselves out and the teachers alternated between the classes so that everyone received full instruction. There was formal teaching at two levels, and many questions which had been kept for just such an occasion were answered. In between, there were tapes and films. All this continued during morning, afternoon and evening for the two days.

On the final evening, there was a work-out to show what progress had been made. A selection of 5 minute playlets written by Mr. B. Potts was used; two readers were needed for each play. Two were pushed on the stage, and as they scurried off, another pair were persuaded on. This gave practice in reading, speaking and listening, and increased confidence in public appearance which was so necessary.

The Hawkes Bay Club were the hosts for the 35th NZEA Congress in January 1970. The Congress was very successful with a lively interest taken in proposed new regulations for the Association, a growing interest in the teaching of Esperanto in schools, and the continued growth of the Youth Organisation, EJANZ. There were 106 registrations, a record high.

Late in 1971, the Club delivered a copy of "Teach Yourself Esperanto" to all public High Schools and Intermediate School Libraries. As a result, Heretaunga Intermediate School, Hastings, became interested in Esperanto, and expected that, in the coming year, a class would be started. A small Club of a few students was operating at Karamu High School and Courses were held in the evening at Hastings Boys High School and Kolenso High School.

Report in the "NZE" 1973. 14 members attended the Annual Meeting early in November and discussed the future of the Club. Meetings were held every 2nd Saturday morning from 10.00am to mid-day in the home of Mrs. Betty Hickey. Officers elected were, Patron, Mr. Percy Berry (Havelock North); President, Mr. Tony Hill (Hastings); Secretary, Mrs. Kay Dobson (Napier); Treasurer, Mr. R. Harding (Taradale); Librarian, Mr. Peter Walker, (Hastings). Recent visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Stein, U.S.A.

In 1974, Mrs. Kay Dobson, secretary, announced that because of lack of support by local members, the President, Mr. Anthony Hill and Kay Dobson were resigning from the Club, and handing over the books to the previous secretary, Mr. R. Harding.

At the AGM on 5th October, the following officers were appointed: Patron, Mr. Percy Berry; President, Mr. Peter Walker; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. R. Harding.

In 1980, the Hawkes Bay Club regularly met in the homes of members. The same members continued in office.

In 1981, Te Rina Sullivan-Meads, tutor of the Maori Language and Maoritanga at the Hawkes Bay Community College in Napier was interested in the experimental compiling of an Esperanto/Maori vocabulary. She believed that this would stimulate the use of either language, and she applauded this latest effort on the part of Esperantists. (Reported by Mrs. Plummer.)

In 1983, the Club met in the home of Mr. R. Harding at Taradale. Not long before, an Exhibition was held in the local Community College. Many brochures about Esperanto were handed out, and a display of Esperanto literature was loaned by the Wanganui Club. This resulted in a new member for the Club. A Hobby Exhibition was planned for 1984 in Hastings, and the Club had already registered for space for a Display.

Early in 1984, the Hawkes Bay Club arranged a large Display to support the Hastings Centenary. They received brochures and posters from Mr. F. Wood, Auckland, which resulted in an interesting Display. 87 Brochures were taken by visitors, and 2 new members joined the Club and interest was re-awakened in a previous member.

Mrs. Doig attended a meeting of the Rissington C.W.I. where she spoke to 25 ladies about Esperanto. It was a very friendly meeting. 23 brochures were taken by those present.

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## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SOCIETY, AUCKLAND

It was felt that, to encourage members to continue their interest in Esperanto, a club was needed where discussions were possible in Esperanto but not necessarily about Esperanto. To this end, all Esperantists were invited to a meeting in the Red Cross Rooms, Symond Street on 8th February 1968.

While this meeting was instigated by the Auckland Esperanto Society, it was to be an independent Club of all Esperantists who wished to attend, and the first meeting attracted 36 people with 10 apologies. Tape recorded Greetings were received from Professor C.J. Adcock, President of NZEA and Mr. J.T. Allan, the Chief Delegate in New Zealand for the Universal Esperanto Association.

Mrs. Rita Aagaard presided at this meeting, and was later elected to be the first President, with Mrs. C.M. Larsen the secretary and Mr. M. Mennell, treasurer. Programme organisers, Miss E. Espiner and Miss E. Stephens.

After much discussion, the name "International Language Society" was considered the most appropriate.

- (1) It was decided to meet monthly on the first Thursday evening of the month.
- (2) The meetings would be held in the Red Cross Rooms.

The first year was an experiment regarding membership, programme and the role of the Society.

**Annual General Meeting, 6th February 1969.** The report of the first year was that attendance was disappointing with an average of only 14 present. Programmes encouraged discussion, always in Esperanto. The club therefore fulfilled its aim - to listen and speak more Esperanto in order to become more fluent in the language.

**Election of Officers:** President, Mrs. C.M. Larsen; Secretary, Mrs. E. Lymburn; Treasurer, Mr. M.M. Mennell; Programme committee, Miss E. Espiner and Miss E. Stephens. Committee to consider rules were, the President, secretary and Mr. F. Wood.

**A.G.M. 5th February 1970** held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood, 24 Stewart Road, Mt. Albert. The new officers were, President, Mr. F. E. Wood; Vice President, Mr. B. Fox; Secretary, Mrs. E. Lymburn; Treasurer, Mr. A. Wiltshire. Programme committee remained the same. Average attendance 16. As far as possible, all members in turn were responsible for the programme and entered into the discussions.

**A.G.M. held on 17th February 1971.** Mr. F.E. Wood was elected President; Mr. B. Fox, Vice President; Secretary, Mr. F. Hume and Mr. A. Wiltshire, treasurer. Delegate to NZEA, the secretary, Mr. F. Hume. Average attendance 11.

**A.G.M. held at the Society of Friends, 113 Mt. Eden Road on 3rd February 1972.**

Members stood in honour of Mr. W.H. King who had passed away in January. He was a well known and esteemed Esperantist who had worked for Esperanto almost all his life and had written the "History of Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963." He was a Life member of UEA, BEA, NZEA and the Auckland Esperanto Society.

**Election of Officers** resulted in, President, Mr. F.E. Wood, Vice President, Mrs. E. Lymburn; secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Hume. Delegate to NZEA, Mr. F. Hume. Average attendance 11.

There was an overseas visitor during the year, Mr. Requilliard, who stayed with Mr. & Mrs. Wiltshire. Esperantists met him at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wood.

**The Club met for the A.G.M. on 1st February 1973 at 115 Mt. Eden Road, the Society of Friends.** Mr. F.E. Wood was re-elected President; Vice President, Miss S. Hill; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Hume; Auditor, Mr. A. Wiltshire; Delegate to NZEA, Mr. F. Wood. It was regretted that Mrs. Wiltshire was in hospital. Average attendance 9.

Later in the year, Mrs. Lila Wiltshire passed away.

**The Annual General Meeting** was held on 7th February 1974 at 115 Mt. Eden Road.

**Election of Officers:** Mr. F. Wood did not wish to accept office for another year as he had been President for 4 years. However, as there was no-one else available, Mr. Wood agreed to carry on in the meantime. Vice President, Miss S. Hill; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Hume; Auditor, Mr. A. Wiltshire and Delegate to NZEA, Mr. F. Wood. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Wiltshire moved to Masterton and Mr. G. Wood was appointed Auditor. Average attendance 11.

The members were very sorry to hear that Mr. A.G. Wiltshire passed away on 31st August 1974 aged 83 years. (Details page 35). Mr. Garth Wood audited the accounts.



**Annual Meeting 1975** held at 115 Mt. Eden Rd., on 6th February. Miss S. Hill accepted the office of President; Mr. I.V. Jones the Vice President; Mr. Hume was re-elected secretary/treasurer; Mr. David Lea, auditor.

The Club had been paying \$1.50 to use the schoolroom for meetings, but it was felt it was time to increase our donation. It was agreed to pay \$2.00 for each meeting.

Mr. Frank Hume, the secretary/treasurer of the Society passed away very suddenly on 1st July 1975. He was admired for his ability and loyalty to the International Society and he was greatly missed. (More details on page 37.)

**A.G.M. 1976.** Miss S. Hill was re-elected President; Mr. I.V. Jones, Vice President and secretary/treasurer, Mr. F.E. Wood. Miss Nilsson, an overseas visitor from Stockholm attended the Club and spoke about the Esperanto Movement in Scandinavia.

In 1977 at the A.G.M. on 3rd February, Mr. I.V. Jones was elected President; Mrs. Miriam Hobbs, Vice President; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F.E. Wood, and auditor, Mrs. Rita Aagaard.

The members were saddened when Miss E. Stephens passed away in July 1977. (Details page 43.) The Club continued to meet at 115 Mt. Eden Road.

13 members out of 18 attended the 42nd NZEA Congress in January 1977.

On February 2nd 1978, the A.G.M. was held to appoint officers for the year. President, Mr. I.V. Jones; Vice President, Mrs. G. Davis; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Wood; Auditor, Mrs. R. Aagaard. The subscription remained at \$2.00 for the year.

Mrs. Ramon attended the meeting and presented a souvenir watch which had belonged to her late husband, Mr. Sam Taylor, a longtime Esperantist. (Details page 44.)

In 1979 the same officers were re-elected on 8th February at the A.G.M. At the June meeting, it was decided to meet in the homes of members. Miss Gladys Jones readily offered her home.

Arrangements were discussed regarding an Esperanto stall to be held at Waiwera organised by the Link Travel firm.

7th February 1980, at the A.G.M. held at 115 Mt. Eden Road, members elected Mrs. G. Davis as President; Vice President, Mrs. R. Aagaard and Mr. F. Wood, secretary/treasurer. Mrs. R. Aagaard, auditor. Mrs. Davis reported that she had sent 10 reports in to the Daily Newspapers. In future, members decided to meet in private homes, as attendances had decreased, and these would probably be on the North Shore for the convenience of members living there.

On 3rd November, Mr. Minami, a visitor from Japan, spoke about Japan and the Movement there. He also took a photograph of the group. There were 16 financial members.

In 1981, the officers remained the same. The meeting was held on 5th February at the home of Miss Gladys Jones, 46 Jutland Rd., Takapuna.

At the May meeting, the group sang several songs from the new song book.

At the July meeting, Miss Marjory Harwood from Bradford, England, visited the Club

**A.G.M., 4th February 1982,** the officers remained the same. Members helped with an Esperanto stall at the Link Festival on Waitangi Day, 6th February. There were 15 financial members.

**A.G.M. 1983** on 3rd February, Mrs. R. Aagaard was elected President; Vice President, Mrs. G. Davis; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Wood; Auditor, Mrs. R. Aagaard. 11 Financial members.

**4th February 1984, A.G.M.** President, Mrs. R. Aagaard; Vice President, Mrs. G. Davis; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Wood. Auditor, Mr. D. Knight. Delegate for NZEA, Mrs. A. Wood. There were 11 Financial members.

In order that the Financial Year be in accord with that of NZEA, the treasurer proposed that the year finish on 30th September and that the Annual General Meeting be held in November. After discussion, this was approved.

**1st November 1984 Annual Meeting** re-elected the same officers. Mr. Wood, the treasurer, proposed that we assist 3 students with their UEA subscription by donating to them \$10.00 each. \$20.00 was donated to the Asia-Africa Fund through UEA. There were 11 financial members.

In March 1985 the Kingsland Fire Station was to be auctioned. Mrs. Wood considered it to be

a good investment for a Club meeting hall, as there were rooms already let as an income. However, no suggestion was made to explore the proposition.

Mr. Sven Samelius from Sweden attended the meeting in October.

**Election of Officers.** President, Mrs. R. Aagaard; Vice President, Mrs. Jo Knight; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. F. Wood. Auditor, Mr. D. Knight; Delegate for NZEA, Mrs. A. Wood.

Mrs. R. Aagaard proposed that the Club donate \$50 to the UEA Jubilee Fund. This was approved.

**A Change of Club Name.** Mr. Wood proposed that the name of the Club, The International Language Society be changed to Esperanto Forum. (The public assumed that the International Language Society could translate every national language.) The new proposal was approved.

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### LOWER HUTT CLUB

Three Esperantists from the Lower Hutt Club are mentioned in the "NZE" in 1964. Mrs. L. Wills visited Melbourne, and while there attended the Melbourne Esperanto Club. Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Strutt and three children arrived in New Zealand, and Mr. Strutt is already a member of the Lower Hutt Club and will be living at Epuni. He was formerly a member of the Stoke-on-Trent Esperanto Club which had 15 members. Mrs. A.M. Baker, a member of the Lower Hutt Club returned from a world trip. She gave a talk to Club members on her experiences with Esperantists in Athens, Rome, London and Southampton.

Mr. G.H. Wilson was transferred on promotion from District Advisor on School Music, Wellington to Assistant Curriculum Officer (Audio Visual Aids) in the Head Office of the Education Department, Wellington. He was actively at work completing arrangements for a competition for Tape Recorded School Music Programmes introduced and compered in Esperanto.

Mr. E.J. Lawson was the Lower Hutt delegate to the NZEA Congresses in 1964 - 1967 inclusive. In 1965, Mr. E.J. Lawson was President of the Club.

Two Lower Hutt members shared in a Children's Odyssey of Esperanto - an adventure packed journey through Belgium, Holland and Germany. The leader was Mr. Norman Williams, Headmaster of Egerton Park School, Manchester. Boys and girls were aged 14 - 17 years.

In 1968, Mr. Bertram Potts was the Club delegate. He had transferred his place of residence from Miramar to Lower Hutt and immediately became a member of the Lower Hutt Club.

On 22nd July 1978, Hutt Valley High School organised an International Fair in which local Esperantists participated. The Esperanto Stall attracted many visitors with "Plena Ilustrita Vortaro," UEA Year books, text books, postcards, magazines and letters from many countries. The latest Esperanto film about New Zealand was shown. Many visitors received accurate and up to the minute information about the International Language for the first time. Mrs. Gwenda Sutton and Mr. Mike Leon arranged the Display.

Congratulations were extended to Bill and Jamesina Currie on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 1979. Bill was President of the Lower Hutt Club in 1937, and attended the Conference in 1929 where it was decided to establish the New Zealand Esperanto Association.

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### MASTERTON ESPERANTO CLUB

On 11th August 1965, a Meeting was called to form an Esperanto Club by the Wairarapa Adult Education Organisation. Visitors came from the Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Trentham and Wellington Clubs and included Mrs. M. Richardson, a member of the NZEA Executive. A formal address was given by Mr. Kevin Boyd of Upper Hutt. During the evening, many people signed a Petition to the United Nations suggesting that Esperanto be used as the official language for UN activities. A Committee was elected: Chairman, Mr. G. Ayson; Secretary, Mrs. E. Latham; Committee, Mr. W. J. Beresford, Mr. D. Donald, Mr. J.P. Shand and Mrs. J. Garard. The first formal Lecture to be held on 18th August 1965.

At that Meeting when 29 members were present, the officers elected were: Mr. G. Ayson, President; Mr. D. Donald, Vice President; Mrs. E. Latham, Secretary/treasurer; Committee, Mrs. J. Garard, Mr. J.P. Shand, Mr. W.J. Beresford; M. Peterson. Meetings were to be held weekly.

Mr. W.J. Beresford, an Esperantist of long standing, was appointed Patron of the Club on

12th September. A few days later, a room was retained for Meetings at the N.Z.E.I. Rooms.

**1966.** Officers of the Club were re-elected. Four members attended the NZEA Congress in Palmerston North. Mr. D. Donald was elected Publicity Officer on 15th June. A Library was established on 3rd August.

**1967.** President, Mr. G. Ayson; Vice President, Mr. D. Donald; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. J.P. Shand. On 15th November, Mr. Bertram Potts spoke to the Club. He was also interviewed by the local Radio Station 2XB.

**1968.** The same officers were re-elected. On 7th February, the first Club Bulletin was produced. As Mr. Shand had left the district, Mrs. D. Moore was elected secretary, and Miss M. Roff treasurer on 14th February. Professor Adcock was a speaker at the Club.

Miss A. Bray was the speaker at a Public Meeting about Esperanto and her visit to Israel. She was interviewed by Station 2XB on 30th March. Later, on 8th May, Stefan and Victor MacGill with two friends visited the Club. Stefan presented slides and a one man theatre.

**1969.** President, Mr. D. Donald; Vice President, Mr. P. Downes; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore; Treasurer, Miss M. Roff. On 10th July, 10 members joined with the Masterton French Club for a Wine and Cheese evening.

A Letter Evening was held on 16th July. 51 replies were received from 14 countries, and late arrivals resulted in a total of 76 replies from 20 countries. On 1st October, Mr. D. Donald spoke to a Salvation Army Women's Group about Esperanto.

**1970.** Officers for 1970 were:- President, Mr. D. Donald; Vice President, Mrs. Sarcich; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. 5 members attended the NZEA Congress in Napier in January. On May 20th, 7 visitors from Wellington came to the meeting, and on June 10th, the Club arranged a meeting at Pahiatua with the Palmerston North Club. The following month, a visitor arrived from Taradale, and the next month one from Palmerston North.

**1971.** Officers for the year were, President, Mr. D. Donald; Vice President, Mrs. J. Garard; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. One member attended the NZEA Congress in Auckland.

Esperanto was taught at Makora College for 18 pupils from 6th Form. This was a Course of 10 periods extending over 5 weeks.

Mr. Stefan MacGill was the speaker at a meeting on 10th March when esperantists came from Pahiatua and Palmerston North.

**1972.** President, Mrs. J. Garard; Vice President, Mrs. Sarcich; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore and treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. In January, 4 members attended the NZEA Congress in Wellington. During May and June, the following esperantists came to Masterton and visited the Club. EJANZ members arrived with Major H.W.R. Petersen; Mrs. J. Wilson from Wanganui; Mr. A. Richardson from Upper Hutt. On 9th August, Meetings moved to Trefoil House in Russell Street, and later in the month, Mr. Shand returned to the Club on a visit.

**1973.** President, Mr. W. Olsen; Vice President, Mrs. J. Garard; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. In January, the Club hosted the Congress which was held at St. Matthews College. On 14th February, Mrs. Garard spoke to a Women's Institute Group. Ten members met Mr. & Mrs. Stein of San Diego, California.

**Display.** During the year, a window display was mounted in the Travel Centre.

**1974.** President, Mr. W. Olsen; Vice President, Mr. D. Donald; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore and treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. 8 members attended the NZEA Congress in Wanganui. On 10th March, a picnic was arranged at Mt. Holdsworth for members and their families. In March, Mr. Absalom came to the Club, and in May, 10 members of EJANZ entertained the Club. Mrs. D. Moore travelled to Auckland to the Regional Weekend there on 14th September. Zamenhof Evening was held on 11th December when Mr. & Mrs. Hughson (ex members) visited the Club.

**Life Member.** Mr. J. Beresford was made a Life Member of the Club on 11th December.

**1975.** The same officers continued for another year. On 10th February, Mrs. Proctor from London was guest of honour at a barbecue and social evening. She also spoke at a meeting on 12th, and was interviewed by "Times Age" during her stay. The Club picnic was held at Mt. Holdsworth on 23rd February. Six members attended a Weekend Meeting at Palmerston North



on 17th & 18th May, and on 15th June, Prof. Adcock visited the Club. On 10th August, Mr. Stefan MacGill was the visitor, and again on 3rd December, Stefan and David MacGill came for Zamenhof Evening and the A.G.M. "Times Age" photographed the group.

**1976.** President, Mr. D. Donald; Vice President, Mrs. L. Stirrat; Secretary, Mrs. D. Moore and Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. Six members travelled to the 1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne. On 7th March, a picnic was held at Pahiatua with members of the Palmerston North and Wellington Clubs. Three members attended a Weekend Meeting in Wanganui, 22nd & 23rd May, and on 25th August, Mrs. Stirrat was appointed secretary as Mrs. Moore was ill. In September, ex members, Mr. G. Ayson and Mr. Esler visited the Club.

**1977.** Same officers remained, but no Vice President was elected. Two members attended the Congress in Auckland. A Weekend Meeting was held at Whangaimoana on 16th February in which Wellington Clubs joined the Group. The Club picnic was held in Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton on 20th February.

**1978.** Officers of the Club remained the same. Five members attended the NZEA Congress in Palmerston North. On 1st February, Mr. D. Donald spoke to the Toastmasters Club, and on 11th March, a Weekend Meeting was held at Whangaimoana with visitors from the Wellington Clubs. The Masterton Club transferred the Meeting place to St. Lukes Church Hall on 14th June.

In July, the Club received a cassette message from Stefan MacGill. Later, in September, each club member recorded on cassette a message for a Club in Sweden.

A Letter Evening was held on 12th October, when 26 letters were received from 26 countries.

**1979.** Officers re-elected. In January, Masterton Club hosted the Congress. On 4th March, the Club's picnic was held at Queen Elizabeth Park followed by a visit to Borthwick's gardens. In March, members arranged a Window Display in the Travel Centre.

**1980.** President, Miss M. Henderson; Secretary, Mr. D. Donald; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. Five members attended the NZEA Congress at Heretaunga College, Upper Hutt. In February, enquiries were made to establish an Esperanto Course at Wairarapa College night class, but there were insufficient enrolments to continue.

Mr. G. Cullen of Te Awamutu visited the Club on 14th May, and on 31st May, a photograph and short article was printed in "Times Age" about Mr. & Mrs. Olsen, who were leaving to attend the Universal Congress in Sweden. 21st June, a Bonvoyage meeting was held in a Bistro for Bill & Eileen Olsen. Tupperware Evening was held on 8th July.

**1981.** President, Miss M. Henderson; Secretary, Mrs. E. Olsen; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. Four members attended the NZEA Congress in Wellington.

On 29th April, a scrapbook of New Zealand was sent to an Esperanto Group in an Italian School in response to a letter from them. On 6th May, sent another scrapbook to another club in Lumellogno, Italy. The Club visited a theatre production in Carterton on 24th June. Mrs. E. Olsen won a prize for the most authentic period costume. In November, Miss Henderson spoke about Esperanto on C.B. Radio and answered questions.

**1982.** Officers remained the same. In January, four members attended the NZEA Congress in Christchurch. As there were only 7 members, it was not economic to pay rent for a Hall. The Club met in members' homes in turn.

**Stall.** The Club ran a stall in a local "Stamps and Craft Market." Leaflets were distributed, and members sold teaspoons, key rings etc.

**1983.** President, Mr. W. Olsen; Secretary, Miss M. Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Greig. The Club hosted the Congress in January. On 11th May, Mr. J. Boyd received a letter from his Norwegian pen friend, and enclosed was an article about a Mauriceville Church translated from Esperanto and published in a newspaper in Oslo. Five members attended a Weekend Meeting in Johnsonville on 28th May. On 29th June, the Club donated 2 teaspoons to the Masterton Airforce Association as a prize in their fundraising golf competition.

**Window Display.** 5th to 10th September, there was a window Display of Esperanto books, magazines and leaflets etc. in the Public Library.

**1984.** Officers as for 1983. Three members attended the NZEA Congress in Auckland in January. On 27th June, Mr. & Mrs. W. Olsen left for the 3rd Pacific Congress in Portland, USA, and following that, the Universal Congress in Vancouver, Canada. On 4th July, Miss M. Henderson

left for the Universal Congress in Vancouver. Four members attended a Weekend Meeting in Palmerston North on 8th September.

**1985.** Officers of the Club remained the same. In January, five members attended the NZEA Congress in Wellington. In April, the Club sent a translation of the Peace Declaration from Kanagawa to the Masterton Borough Council. The members hosted a Weekend Meeting.

On 20th November, Zamenhof Evening and the A.G.M. were celebrated by eating out in a local restaurant.

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#### **NELSON ESPERANTO CLUB.**

There have been some Esperantists living in the Nelson District over the years, but it was quite some time before a Club was formed.

In January 1965, Mr. J.S. Payne was a delegate from Nelson to the NZEA Congress in Christchurch.

In 1973 at a meeting held on 27th April, it was unanimously decided to form an Esperanto Club. Members ranged from Beginners to those with considerable experience. The following were appointed a Steering Committee to undertake the initial organisation and administration of the Club.

President, Mr. Colin Fredericksen; secretary, Mr. J. Wheeler; Executive Committee, Mrs. C. Skilton, Mr. Hamish Young and Mr. R. Mott. The Club had 20 financial members and affiliated to NZEA.

In 1974 there was a class of 8 Beginners and 4 Intermediates which met every week. The members found the classes very interesting and pleasurable.

Later the classes were discontinued but some Esperantists still lived in the Nelson District.

#### **NEW LYNN ESPERANTO CLUB**

Following classes held during 1963 for the teaching of Esperanto under the tuition of Dr. John Hamvai - Diploma of the Esperanto Institute, Hague, Netherlands, a meeting of those interested in continuing the class to further the speaking of Esperanto was held in the New Lynn Library on Thursday, 20th February 1964 at 7.30pm. There were 12 people present.

Nominations were received for officers, and after election, Mr. H. Gillam was voted as Chairman, Mrs. M.J. Porter Vice President, and Mrs. J. Dale as Secretary/treasurer. A committee of three was elected: Dr. J. Hamvai, Mrs. M. Martin and Mr. J. Higgott. Mr. Gillam then took the chair and a discussion was held as to the form the weekly meeting would take.

Mr. Higgott proposed, seconded Mrs. McRae that the name of the group be "New Lynn Esperanto Group" and that the meeting night be Thursday of each week at 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the New Lynn Public Library. Eleven members were present.

Dr. Hamvai introduced Mr. & Mrs. Wiltshire from the Auckland Esperanto Society who, in acknowledging their welcome, promised all help and encouragement to the new group.

The members requested that their appreciation to Mrs. Joy Porter be recorded in the Minutes for her organising of the classes during 1963, and securing the Library Hall as venue, and Dr. Hamvai as instructor.

No definite programme was planned meanwhile, as while the services of Dr. Hamvai were available, classes would continue in the teaching of the language.

Fees: Proposed Mrs. McRae, seconded Mrs. Higgott that the annual fee be £1 with 1/- to be paid each night of attendance. Mrs. Porter agreed to collect the key from the Librarian and open the Hall ready for the meeting.

On 30th April, Mr. & Mrs. F. Wood visited the Club and gave an invitation to the New Lynn members to a social evening at the Auckland Club on 12th May. Later in the year, the New Lynn Club was invited to the Esperanto Jubilee Celebrations on 12th & 13th September to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the commencement of Esperanto in New Zealand.

**1965.** The officers were re-elected. The Club members met weekly, and Dr. Hamvai taught on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month. An advertisement about the class was placed in the

"Western Leader." The Club farewelled Mr. & Mrs. J. Higgott who were leaving on a world tour. The members decided to order "La Praktiko" and later, the "Heroldo."

On 29th April, the Club was entertained by several visitors. Mr. Cuniffe showed slides of the Nile with a commentary by Dr. Hamvai. Other visitors were Mrs. Koeszegi and Miss Wilson.

**1966.** Meetings continued, and on 17th March, at a social evening, the members decided to change the meetings to 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month. Two advertisements were placed in the "Western Leader."

On 26th May, Mr. Higgott, having returned from his overseas trip, shared his experiences as he travelled through Spain, France, North Africa, Italy and Greece.

**1967.** Officers for 1967 were, President, Dr. J. Hamvai; Vice President, Mrs. M. Gibson; Secretary, Mr. Higgott; Treasurer, Mrs. Higgott; Librarian, Mrs. Lindsay. Dr. Hamvai proposed that Mrs. Joyce Porter be Honorary President. Carried unanimously.

On 13th April, Esperantists from Henderson visited the Club. Dr. Hamvai taught Esperanto at Avondale College, and for the final meeting invited the Avondale class to join with the New Lynn Club. It was decided to donate 4 books to the New Lynn Public Library, namely, "Bildlibro pri Bestoj," "Fundamento de Esperanto," "Teach Yourself Esperanto," and "Nelson's Esperanto Course."

**1968.** Officers elected were, President, Dr. J. Hamvai; Vice President, Mrs. M. Gibson; Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. I. Lindsay; Librarian, Mrs. Whelan.

At a social evening in April, Mr. & Mrs. Wiltshire showed coloured slides taken at the NZEA Congress in Whangarei. In November, the members invited the members of the Auckland Club to their end of year festivities at the Scenic Drive Tearooms. Mrs. Pearson made a cake, beautifully decorated with a green star, and Miss Holmes of the Auckland Club took snapshots. 35 members attended and enjoyed the special end of year function.

**1969-71.** Regrettably no record is available for these years.

In 1972 Mrs. M. Gibson was elected President, and Mrs. I.M. Lindsay, secretary. The Club met on 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month at 7.30pm at the New Lynn Old Folk' Association Hall, 3083 Great North Road, New Lynn.

In 1977 Mrs. Olga Hamvai celebrated her 80th Birthday on 2nd August. Mrs. Hamvai who came from Tallinn, Estonia, was still an active Esperantist. She was married to Dr. John Hamvai in Budapest in 1933. The marriage was conducted in Esperanto because of their different nationalities. After the war, they emigrated to Auckland, New Zealand with the help of Mrs. H. Harris. In 1960/61 they spent a year lecturing about New Zealand visiting 12 lands, and 106 towns in Europe under the auspices of UEA. She attends the local Esperanto Club at New Lynn with Dr. Hamvai.

**1978.** President, Mr. Wally Thompson; Vice Presidents, Mrs. M. Gibson, and Dr. J. Hamvai who was also appointed treasurer; Secretary, Mrs. I. Lindsay. During 1978, meetings were held at 10.30am every 2 weeks at different places. Titirangi Park, French Bay, Blockhouse Bay Park, Joyce Storrie's home and Lynmall Restaurant. Members who attended were, Dr. & Mrs. Hamvai, Mrs. M. Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Higgott, Mrs. J. Storrie, Mrs. I. Lindsay, Mrs. E. Blythe, Mr. I. Jones & Mr. Bill Laing. Several of the members travelled overseas during the year. Dr. Hamvai visited Hungary again and returned in November. He told the group about his travels, and about the changes he noticed in Hungary.

**1979.** The Annual General Meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Joyce Storrie on 22nd February. President, Mr. Wally Thompson. Mrs. I. Lindsay, who had been secretary for 7 years, did not seek re-election. Secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Mavis Gibson. The Club met on 4th Thursday of the month.

From 1980 to 1982 inclusive, Mrs. Mavis Gibson was President.

In 1983 Mr. Bill Laing served as President. On 9th June, the New Lynn Club arranged a special celebration to mark the 50th Jubilee of Mr. C. Brown (Bronĉjo) becoming an Esperantist.

In 1984, Mr. Bill Laing was again President, and in 1985, Mrs. Joyce Storrie was President.



## NEW PLYMOUTH CLUB

Mrs. Helen Harris founded the Club at New Plymouth many years ago, and was the teacher. Mrs. Harris had been a strong supporter of Esperanto. She had been a member of the Auckland Club in the early days. She was the mother of Mr. David MacGill, and instilled in her son the value of Esperanto. Mrs. Harris with the help of David had formed a Choir in the Auckland Club. Mrs. Harris was also instrumental in obtaining permission for Dr. John Hamvai and his family to come to New Zealand as refugees.

The New Plymouth Club affiliated to NZEA in 1964 - 1967 inclusive. Mrs. Harris was present at the NZEA Congresses from 1964 - 1967. She spent her life promoting Esperanto. Mrs. Helen Harris died on 16th April 1970.

## PAEKAKARIKI

In 1973, Mrs. Dorothy Gratton, a previous member of the Wellington Club, taught a Group at Paekakariki. No further information is available.

## PALMERSTON NORTH CLUB

The first live-in NZEA Congress was organised by the Palmerston North Club in January 1966. At that time, Mr. Brian Rollason, a Lecturer at Massey University and a member of the Palmerston North Club, arranged with Mr. R. Morgan, President of the Club, to use part of the University. It proved to be an ideal place for a Conference, and Esperantists approved living in at the Congress.

The Club reported that 1969 had been a particularly progressive and encouraging year. 12 new students had attended regularly through the year. Classes had met at the home of Mrs. McAvinue, 48 Manchester Street. Esperanto was being taught at two local Intermediate Schools, one High School and one country Primary School. One of the Club members was a Lecturer in the local Teachers College, and hoped to start a class there. They were expecting 10 members to attend the Napier Congress in January.

In 1972 a 3-column write-up in the "Manawatu Evening Standard" with a good photograph gave good publicity to the Club. It was considered preferable to have this type of publicity (which Hawkes Bay had also achieved) rather than small regular paragraphs. It was considered that several full columns would attract more attention from readers.

A class of 10 members met in the home of Mrs. M. McAvinue every Wednesday, and the teaching was shared by Mr. Ralph Morgan and Mr. Wally Hall. Mrs. McAvinue took a small group at Takaro and Ross Intermediate Schools and at the Freyberg Secondary School.

Mr. Ralph Morgan gave an address about Esperanto to a Rotary Club in Woodville. An enthusiastic Group arranged a colourful Display in the Town Centre.

Mr. Lee Edwards from USA, consented to conduct a class for Beginners by the Direct Method under the auspices of the Palmerston North Club. Mr. Edwards thanked Mr. R. Morgan, the President, and Mrs. M. McAvinue, Vice President for their support in this project, and especially thanked Mrs. Mary Browne who did all the preparation for the success of the project. There were 12 students who attended the classes three times during the week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm from 15th February to 15th March. It was hoped to exchange letters and postcards with other clubs and esperantists at the conclusion of the classes.

Before Mr. Edwards returned to the USA, he replied to an advertisement in the daily newspaper which advertised for teachers for selected classes. Mr. Edwards commenced the classes teaching Esperanto, and after he left New Zealand, Mrs. Browne continued teaching for two terms. Two or three of the students were sufficiently fluent to want to continue further study of the language.

On Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th September 1984, Mrs. Mary Browne arranged a Regional Weekend in Palmerston North. Esperantists came from Wellington, Masterton, Taupo and Levin as well as Palmerston North. The programme was varied. Mr. J. Major spoke about Zamenhof's

translation of "The Robbers," Mr. & Mrs. Olsen showed slides of the Universal Congress at Vancouver and the Rocky Mountains in Canada; Mr. Ralph Dearnley spoke about his visit to England, France and Sweden and Martin Purdy conducted a Question Session. Mrs. Browne related an amusing episode about the "17th Regulation," and invented a game, "My Car," and Mrs. Larsen of Hermes Books contributed books to sell. Mrs. Browne arranged an appetizing lunch for the last day. The weekend was a great success and Mrs. Browne was congratulated for her initiative.

1985: Mrs. Mary Browne was the organiser of the 51st NZEA Congress to be held in Palmerston North from 2nd to 8th January 1986. Costs for living in at the Teachers' Training College, \$27.50 per day; Congress Fee, \$10.00.

The Palmerston North Club celebrated the Anniversary of the first publication of the "Esperanto Textbook" by Dr. Zamenhof with a Club Dinner where Esperanto only was spoken.

Stefan and David MacGill visited the Club, and not only helped the Club, but also helped the school classes at Monrad Intermediate and at Milson Primary.

The members persuaded Mrs. Margaret McAvinue to take part in "What's my Line?" at the Milson Kindergarten Social Evening. Of course her "line" was Esperanto, and that created some considerable interest. The Club also received publicity through the radio and the daily newspapers on account of the exhibition, "Come Alive."

On 1st November, Club members went to the restaurant, "Steeple" to celebrate the end of year activities. All the members enjoyed the evening.

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#### TE AWAMUTU CLUB.

The Te Awamutu group was active in the 1940's, but at some stage, it went into recess. There have been four or five active Esperantists living in Te Awamutu for many years, but hardly enough to form a Club.

In 1972, Mr. Ewen Parsons and the Te Awamutu Group took the initiative in organising the Esperanto stall at the Hobbies Exhibition arranged by Rotary in Hamilton from 23rd to 25th March. Material was obtained from NZEA, supplemented by that from Hamilton and Te Awamutu. Much of the latter was loaned by Marilyn Parsons, an active member of EJANZ. The Hobbies Exhibition occupied the large Winter Show Building and was seen by over 30,000 people in the three day period. Most of these must have at least glanced at the Esperanto stall and many took the trouble to walk round and inspect. Handwritten postcards and letters from overseas seemed to arouse more interest than other items.

About 25 names of people interested in learning Esperanto were taken, and from these a new class of 14 students met regularly. The class was held every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at the home of Mrs. Ann Taylor, 649 River Road, Hamilton. The teacher was Mr. W.F. Rolt.

In May 1972, Mr. E. Parsons took over the management of the NZEA Book Department, and this office he retained until October 1975. He also had many Ham radio contacts.

In September 1975, in Te Awamutu, a Hobby Exhibition was arranged entitled, "Leisure Time - Come Alive." Mr. Ewen Parsons and Mr. Garth Cullen organised an Esperanto Display. It was very successful. Many people looked at books, postcards etc. and showed interest in learning in the New Year. Some people came from Hamilton, and the names of these people were given to Mr. Rolt. The Club only had 5 members, but hoped for a larger Group in the New Year.

Mr. Norris Hall attended the Elna-Kea Congress in USA in 1978. He sent a detailed report to the editor of the "NZE" which was published in No. 398, January 1978.

Mr. & Mrs. Ewen Parsons, Mr. Norris Hall and Mr. Garth Cullen attended many of the Regional Weekends in Auckland which were organised by the Auckland Esperanto Society.

## TRENTHAM AND UPPER HUTT CLUBS

Heretaunga College held its Annual Display of work on November 12th 1964. Esperanto was taught by Mr. David MacGill at an evening class. The College teachers made a classroom available to Mr. MacGill in which a display of posters, magazines, books and records was set up. Esperanto records played on an amplifier attracted people who would otherwise have passed by. About 100 people called. This year, the public seemed to know more about Esperanto.

The Lower Hutt Trentham Rondo was listed in the "NZE" in 1964, and at the NZEA Congress, the Trentham delegate for 1964 to 1970 was Mr. David MacGill.

In the "NZE" March/April 1969 issue, however, it is reported that it was 3 years since a Club had existed in the upper part of the Hutt Valley. A new club was recently established under the tuition of Mr. David MacGill and Mr. Tony Richardson. The club consisted almost entirely of young people for many of whom it was a continuation of their esperanto studies at Primary or Intermediate Schools. Early evening programmes included the showing of a slide-tape show sent by Tashkent Esperanto Youth about Samarkand in the southern USSR, and an evening of esperantized pop music. The name of the Club was, "The Upper Hutt Club."

At the NZEA Congress in January 1971, Mr. D. MacGill was the delegate for Upper Hutt.

In 1972, the class continued at Upper Hutt College. As the class was quite small at times, it was not registered as a class with a class teacher, but a room was placed at the disposal of an Esperanto class and the teacher was not paid. This enabled the class to continue.

A Gala was held similar to the one mentioned above at Heretaunga College, and this gave publicity to Esperanto.

In 1975, Mrs. Gwenda Sutton, Upper Hutt, succeeded in the BEA Elementary Examination with merit and in 1979, Mrs. Irene Rae succeeded in the same examination with merit.

Mrs. Sutton started the Upper Hutt Club in 1978, and later Mrs. Mary Richardson became the teacher. The Club has met in Mrs. Richardson's home on Wednesday afternoons for many years, with Mary as the teacher, and it is to her credit that the Upper Hutt Club has continued with a nucleus of keen esperantists.

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## WAINUIOMATA ESPERANTO CLUB

On 11th December 1973, an inaugural meeting was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Don Raynor for the purpose of founding an Esperanto Club in Wainuiomata.

The foundation members were Mr. Neil Van Vliet, Frank Simpson, Fred Holmes, Don & Maureen Raynor, Lenore Strang and Anne Linton.

Advertisements were to be placed in the "Courier," "Hutt News" and "Hutt Valley News." A set of rules was drafted and a further meeting was planned for 8th January 1974.

At that meeting, the President reported that he had arranged for the Club to meet at Wainuiomata College and that the Class would commence on 5th February. It was decided that Beginners would meet from 7pm to 8pm, Club meeting from 8pm to 8.15pm, and those with experience from 8.15pm to 9pm.

The Club began its activities with 16 Beginners. However, for various reasons, the number fell off until June when they settled at 9. It was decided not to continue renting a room at the College for such a small number, so they agreed to meet in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Aldridge.

On 10th September, the President, Mr. N. Van Vliet found it necessary to resign for personal reasons, and Mr. Vere Williams was elected to this office.

On the suggestion of Mr. Williams, the Librarian at Wainuiomata Public Library was approached and a number of Esperanto books have now been included in the Library collection.

The Club had been approached by the Wainuiomata College to sponsor an Adult Education Course in Esperanto in 1975. As the College would arrange all the publicity etc., it was decided to agree to this with a view to attracting further members to the Club in the second half of the year. The Club would also have a second string to its bow in that, should the numbers fall below the minimum required, the club would be able to take over the class.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd December 1974 when the election of officers resulted in:- Mr. V. Williams, President; Mr. W. Aldridge, Vice President; Mr. Don Raynor, secretary; Mrs. L. Strang, treasurer; committee member, Mrs. M. Raynor.

The following decision was made: for second year members, it was planned to hold Club meetings on a different night from the class and provide a varied and interesting programme.

The first year of the Club was one of consolidation rather than expansion and it was expected



that the Club would go on from strength to strength to help spread the International Language, Esperanto.

In 1975 there were not sufficient enrolments for a class at Wainuiomata College, and they arranged to meet in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Don Raynor. The more experienced members met in two groups, Mr. W. Aldridge taking one, and Mr. Raynor the second, in their own homes. This was not considered a good arrangement when it was discussed at the end of the year, as the Club as a whole, only met once during the year to discuss the Wainuiomata Day Festival.

The Wainuiomata Jacees invited the Wainuiomata Esperanto Club to have a stall at the Wainuiomata-Day Festival on 22nd November. Discussion followed, and the Club decided to have postcards and letters from overseas penfriends on display as well as Esperanto books and magazines, gramophone records, tapes and brochures. An Esperanto Flag would be used and Notice Boards advertising Esperanto.

At the Annual Meeting held on 3rd December 1975, Mr. W. Aldridge was elected President; Mr. V. Williams, Vice President; Mr. D. Raynor, secretary; Mrs. M. Wansbrough, treasurer, and committee member, Mrs. M. Raynor.

On 15th December, 5 members of the Club joined 9 members of the Wellington Club for an enjoyable evening beginning at the Abel Tasman Hotel and later in the Club rooms for an end of year celebration.

In January 1976, Mr. W. Aldridge wrote an article to be published in the "Courier" with the aim of encouraging new members for the Esperanto Course at Wainuiomata College.

## INTRODUCTION TO FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

"Learning Esperanto is a good introduction to the learning of foreign languages.

Esperanto is a simple, planned, international language. It is not intended to replace the national languages, but simply to serve as a ready means of communication between people with different mother tongues.

The student of Esperanto, after a year's diligent study, should be able to correspond with an overseas penfriend, hold a general conversation, and read a magazine with confidence in Esperanto. He will also gain an understanding of the structure of languages. He will know how to go about learning a foreign language. Most important - he will have gained confidence in his ability to learn a foreign language.

This year the Wainuiomata Esperanto Club is holding a course for beginners starting on 9th February. It will be taken by Mr. W. Aldridge, who is Chief Translator with the Department of Internal Affairs. There will also be activities for more advanced students, led by Mr. D. Raynor, who is secretary of the New Zealand Esperanto Association.

For further details, please ring the Wainuiomata Esperanto Club, phone 6276 evenings."

It was regrettable that there were no new enrolments for the class at Wainuiomata College for 1976. The Club met at 49 Sunny Grove, Wainuiomata.

Three Esperanto books were sent to Mrs. Saranath, Bangalore, India.

Mr D. Raynor wrote to the Korea Esperanto Association with the wish to contact an Esperanto Club in Korea who would be willing to be a twin club with the Wainuiomata Club.

The President, Mr. W. Aldridge visited the Wanganui Club who had organised weekend meetings in May.

Mr. V. Williams resigned at President as he would be moving to Christchurch to live.

The Club again organised a Stall for the Wainuiomata-Day Festival with an Esperanto Display.

The Annual Meeting was held on 13th December 1976. In 1977 the Club went into recess.

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## WAKARI ESPERANTO CLUB

At a morning tea given by Mrs. Allen to some friends when she had shown them many overseas postcards and friends, Mrs. Allen was asked if she would form a new club for them. She did so, and was their first teacher. This was about 1968 - 69. There were about 15 to 20 members and were called the Wakari Esperanto Club. They were very enthusiastic and supported wholeheartedly all the Displays which the Dunedin Club organised.

Some years later, the Dunedin and Wakari Clubs amalgamated.

## WANAKA ESPERANTO CLUB

In 1980 Mrs. Gretta Bussell moved from Dunedin to Wanaka and when she discovered that several people were interested in learning Esperanto, she formed a small Club and became their teacher. Her efforts were rewarded when two of her students gained the highest marks in New Zealand in the NZEA Preparatory Examination. John Boulton from Cromwell joined the group for a short time. The Club at present is in recess. Mrs. Bussell warmly welcomes Esperanto visitors who may be holidaying in Wanaka and she advertises her interest in Esperanto as much as possible.

## WANGANUI ESPERANTO CLUB

The Wanganui Club over the years has had a small membership, but excelled in teaching Esperanto in the schools.

In 1968, it seemed that the Club had been in recess, but was established again in 1968. There were 10 Beginners who met fortnightly. Mrs. J. Wilson was the President, and Mr. V.I. Curry, secretary. Mrs. J. Wilson was teaching 2 classes at the Intermediate School, and taking 2 Courses for ladies at the YWCA. Three club members intended going to the next NZEA Congress.

In 1972, Mrs. Dora Weeks, secretary of the Wanganui Club, reported that 2 classes were being taught Esperanto, one on Tuesday evening and one on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Wilson was teaching approximately 30 students at Rutherford High School and on 16th February, she gave a talk about Esperanto to the Cruise Club.

In 1974, the secretary of the Wanganui Club was Mrs. Powell. A Beginners Group met every Monday evening at Mrs. Wilson's home, 37 Peakes Road.

In 1975, the Wanganui organised an Esperanto Weekend from 14th to 16th May, when esperantists from Wellington, Masterton and Palmerston North enjoyed a weekend of Esperanto.

The Annual General Meeting 1976 was held at the end of March. Officers elected were, Mrs. J. Wilson, President; Mrs. C. Mathewson, secretary; Mrs. N. Cairncross, treasurer; committee, Mr. O'Shea, D. Rockell, A. Richardson, Mrs. P. Holmes and Mrs. M. Rogers. Club meetings were held on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For those who wanted lessons, they met every Thursday at 37 Peakes Road. The secretary proposed that the Club suggest to Secondary Schools that an Esperanto Course be a subject for students of the Edinburgh Award Project. This resulted in a class of 12 girls from the Wanganui Girls' College starting a Course on 28th April. That occurred after school once per week.

From 22nd to 23th May, the Club held a Regional Weekend. Local members hosted the visitors. Everyone was invited to give items for the programme. Esperantists came from Rotorua, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Masterton and Wellington, making an attendance of 18. They met together informally Friday evening to sing, drink fruit juice or tea, and some found a crossword to keep them occupied. The rest enjoyed meeting old friends.

The following morning started with a Language Session with a discussion on participles. After morning tea, Mr. Bill Aldridge spoke in a very interesting way on accent, and showed that it should be difficult to depict from which country a speaker came from. A visit to the Museum in the afternoon proved interesting. A Maori canoe used on Waitangi Day was on display. A concert followed after dinner. Mr. Nolan entertained the group with singing and drama, Vere Williams and Mrs. Cunningham also participated. The Wellington Club presented 3 plays and the Wanganui Club 2 plays. The weekend finished after a second language session.

The Wanganui Club was thanked for hosting the Group, and Mrs. Wilson was thanked for the use of her home for the meetings.

During 1977, the Wanganui Club met every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm, and on the last Tuesday of the month, other more experienced esperantists attended for practice in speaking. Mr. Tony Richardson travelled overseas. Mr. Michael O'Shea hoped to travel in 1978. He had read about the "Pasporta Servo" and wanted to find a companion to travel with. Two previous Esperantists joined the Club, Mr. Ron Dixon and Mr. Cyril Phillips from Wellington. Michael inserted an Esperanto Notice in his business window, and this attracted another Esperantist who had lapsed.

The first part of the meetings were in Esperanto with everyone contributing an item. On one

occasion, letters were read from correspondents and discussed. One could elect to read a passage from a book and discuss grammar or difficult points. In that way, everyone would profit. Towards the end of the year, the members practised a play for the NZEA Congress.

In 1978 the Wanganui Club was very small in numbers, but recommenced lessons. The officers remained the same. However, In May the members met sometimes in the morning, and sometimes in the afternoon instead of the evening. It was decided not to name a particular day.

In 1979, Mrs. Wilson reported that she was teaching Esperanto to 17 students at Rutherford Intermediate School in Wanganui. From 9th to 11th May 1980, The Wanganui Club took part in a Town Exhibition in the Memorial Hall. The members prepared an attractive Display of postcards, picture cards, photos and letters, and there were leaflets and letters to take away. The stock of information leaflets soon disappeared. The treasurer, Mrs. Cairncross was overseas for her son's wedding in Norway. She stayed with an Esperantist in Norway.

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### WELLINGTON ESPERANTO CLUB

IN 1964 on May 18th, the Wellington Club met in Aitken Street and arranged to have "Open House." On 20th June, Mr. Amando Garcia visited the Club and showed slides of his home city of Valencia. A United Nations representative showed films on 19th October. There were 100 present, and this was organised by Mr. V.R. Moore for United Nations Week. 7th December, the election of officers was held. President, Mr. W.J. Donovan; Vice President, Mrs. J. Tricklebank; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. J.H. Doone; Committee, Mrs. O. Ewing, Mr. N. Hill, Mr. B. de Larzac, Mr. S. Moss, Mr. E.J. Phillips, Mr. L.J. Upchurch and Mrs. R. Wells.

1965. Miss Crista Brocks from West Germany came to the Club on 22nd February. 15th March, Mr. E.J. Thawley, a former President passed away. Mr. Dearnley acted as pall bearer. On 15th May, Mr. Cliff Toomer, printer, retired. Mr. Gordon Tait, an old member of the Club died in a car accident.

On 6th December, the election of officers took place: President, Mr. W.J. Donovan; Vice President, Mrs. B. Harvey; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. J. Doone; Committee, Mrs. Sandelin, Mr. N. Hill, Mrs. N. Ewing, Mrs. R. Wells, Mr. S. Moss and Mr. B. de Larzac.

1966. Miss H. Prent visited the Club on 16th May. She was from London. Her father was Dutch, her mother English. Their marriage was in Esperanto, and Helen spoke Esperanto from birth. 5th December the election of officers was held with the same officers being re-elected.

1968. On 1st April it was reported that the Scout Camp was using Esperanto as a second language. 17th June the officers of the Club were, President Mr. W.J. Donovan; Vice President, Mr. R. Haines; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Mr. N. Hill, Major H.W.R. Petersen, Mrs. R. Wells, Mrs. N. Ewing, Dr. Duncan, Mrs. J.R. Baker.

On 13th September, a grandmother from Invercargill forwarded a text book she had used in 1908. On 10th October, P.I.V. was published.

On 2nd December, officers elected were, President, Major H.W.R. Petersen; Vice President, Miss A. Bray; Secretary, Mr. Ralph Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Thanks were expressed to Mr. W.J. Donovan who had served the Club as President for 10 years. Committee, Mr. N. Hill, Mrs. R. Wells, Mrs. R.D. Pattinson and Mr. I.R. Baker.

During the year, the Club received a visit from Mrs. Irene Fink from Australia and Miss H. Ikeda from Japan. Mrs. Bernfeld, widow of long term member and teacher, Erwin Bernfeld died in Vienna.

1969. There were two members of the Committee representing the Beginners: Miss G. Romans and Mr. J. Roberts. During the first half of the year, the Club initiated a series of programmes aimed at entertaining the Beginners. Pat Carver spoke about the danger of learning a foreign language. Agnes Bray gave a talk of her visit to Bulgaria and read an incident about Julio Baghy. Ralph gave a lesson on "how to become ill" and entertained the group with some mathematics. Nelson Hill spoke on the origin of Esperanto and its progress. Major Petersen reviewed a book about New Zealand written by two Russian authors. Members listened to a tape in which Mr. Bertram Potts took an outstanding role, and read an extract from the Finnish national expose "Kalevala." Major Petersen reported that although small in numbers, the Wellington Club



had improved on 1967 and 1968.

On 21st June, Bluey Blong retired as Supervisor of the Whangarei Post Office. The new officers were elected on 8th December. President, Major H.W.R. Petersen; Vice President, Mr. C. Dempsie; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Mrs. Ewing, Mr. N. Hill, Dr. Allingham and Miss Gordon.

**1970.** On 16th August, Vernon J. Leck, DBEA died. One of the pioneers of Esperanto in New Zealand, Vern by profession was a taxi driver. He was President of the Wellington Esperanto Club for some years. With the help of Esperanto friends, he started the magazine, "La Interna Ideo," which enjoyed fame not only in N.Z. but also overseas. Under his experienced guidance, the Club grew until it reached almost 200 members. These were truly the golden years of Esperanto in Wellington.

Election of Officers on 7th December resulted in, President, Mr. N. Hill; Vice President, Mr. G. Davies; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Mr. R. Mack and Major H.W.R. Petersen.

**1971.** Mr. Nelson Hill was President in 1971. On 18th March, the Club Meeting Rooms were transferred to 173 Willis Street. On October 18th Mr. W.J. Donovan was involved in a car accident, but made good progress in hospital.

**1974.** The first meeting for the year 1974 welcomed a satisfactory group of Beginners. Des Langman from Christchurch visited the Club on 18th February. During the year it was announced that Miss Marianne Down had gained the Diploma of the British Esperanto Association.

Ralph Dearnley, Vice President of NZEA announced his engagement, and that his marriage would take place in New Plymouth early in January 1975.

December 1974 the following officers were elected: President, Major H.W.R. Petersen; Vice President, Mr. N. Hill; Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. Pat Carver; Committee, Mr. & Mrs. D.G. Blakeborough, Mr. M. Copp, Mr. Nigel Colquhoun.

**1975.** Three overseas Esperantists visited the Wellington Club. Mr. Yi Chae Hyon, author of the full Korea-Esperanto dictionary, and Mr. & Mrs. Hammock from Columbus, Ohio, USA. They all took part in the programme which was followed by supper. At the final Meeting for 1975, (most appropriately on 15th December) five Esperantists from Wainuiomata joined the 9 club members for an enjoyable evening, beginning in the Abel Tasman Hotel, and later in the Club rooms.

**1976.** Early January. The 1st Pacific Congress was held in Melbourne when about 30 N.Z. Esperantists attended.

On 9th February, the Wellington Club continued meeting at 173 Willis Street. President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mrs. Joyce Hill. The year commenced with an encouraging attendance of 30 people. An Exhibition of Esperanto in the Wellington Savings Bank in Willis Street no doubt contributed to the good response to the Opening of the Club.

On 5th April, the club decided to meet at 7 Moncrieff Street, Hall of the Society of Friends.

Overseas guests to the Club were Mrs. Wenzel from Canada and Captain Milson from USA.

28th June. As Mrs. Hill was leaving shortly for the UEA Congress in Athens, Mrs. J. Squires agreed to be acting secretary. 10th August: Mr. D. Blakeborough was Acting President while Mr. E.R. Dearnley was in hospital.

29th November, election of Officers. President, Prof. C.J. Adcock; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mrs. J. Squires; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Major H.W.R. Petersen, Mr. D. Blakeborough and Mrs. M. Burton-Wood.

On 13th December, the new committee unanimously elected Nelson Hill an Hon. Life Member of the Wellington Club for his many years of dedication to the Club and the Esperanto Movement.

**1977.** On 14th February, Prof. Adcock, President of the Wellington Club welcomed the members, briefly mentioning the aims of Esperanto. On 17th February an large article appeared in the "Evening Post" based on an interview with Mrs. Squires, secretary of the Wellington Club. The title was "Esperanto, Alive and Growing."

On 14th March, John Boulton was a welcome guest to the Wellington Club. On 9th May an unexpected visitor was Mr. Barry Newman, a reporter from the "Wall Street Journal;" next day he interviewed Major Petersen at his home on all facets of Esperanto and the Movement. About this time, Mrs. D. Gaiger became secretary.

5th December was the date for the election of officers: President, Mr. D. Rockell; Vice President and Secretary, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Treasurer, Mr. P. Carver; Committee, Mr. R. Davis,

Mr. J. Moriarty, Prof. C.J. Adcock and Miss Moffat.

**1978.** The year began on 13th February. Newcomers joined the Beginners' class under the tutelage of Prof. John Adcock. However, the Club lacked the support of more experienced, middle grade Esperantists.

On 18th September, Mrs. J.M. Bax from Kaitia visited the Wellington Club where she was welcomed by old and new friends.

On December 5th, officers elected were, President, Mr. D. Rockell; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mrs. D. Gaiger; Treasurer, Mr. Pat Carver.

**1979.** The Wellington Club recommenced on 12th February, 1979.

Pat Oram Lance Carver, a long-time active member of NZEA and the Wellington Esperanto Club, died at home in Wellington on 6th April, 1979. Pat was elected treasurer of the Club in 1968, a position he held until his tragic death. He was always a gentleman in the full sense of the word.

Following the death of Pat Carver and the shift from Wellington of Dianne Gaiger, the Club had to elect new committee members. On 23rd April 1979, Rachel Schusser was elected secretary and Kaisu Elgar as treasurer.

On 11th June 1979, the Wellington farewelled the President, David Rockell, who planned to leave New Zealand the following week to begin a long absence overseas. Major (Pete) Petersen was elected as the new President.

In September, the Wellington Club received letters from two members - David Rockell (Melbourne) and Bill Ashwell (Rio de Janeiro).

On 26th September, quite a long article appeared in the "Dominion" with a photograph about Esperanto. This was quite unexpected as the editor usually refuses to publish any information about Esperanto. Congratulations to Nelson Hill who sent in the article.

On October 1st, the Club welcomed John Boulton from Cromwell.

On 12th October, Nelson Hill gave a talk about Esperanto to more than 40 students in the Hutt Valley Memorial Technical College. He spoke about the value of Esperanto in schools, the simplicity of the language and the tourist aspect. He concluded with a short lesson using the ĉe method.

The officers of the Club remained the same for 1980.

**1980.** The death occurred in 1980 of Miss Florence Bennett, one time treasurer of the Karori Esperanto Society, a committee member of the Wellington Club, and I.E.L. delegate for Theatrical Affairs from 1939-1943.

Also Joan Curtis, beloved wife of Roy, passed away on 11th July 1980.

During the absence of the President, Major Petersen, through sickness, the Vice President, Ralph Dearnley took over the running of the Club. Meetings took place each week as usual.

The Wellington Club welcomed Miss Wejngaarden from the Netherlands, who showed some beautiful slides of her country.

On November 27, a radio journalist from 2ZB interviewed Major Petersen about Esperanto and the Movement. The interview was taped for a later broadcast.

The A.G.M. of the Wellington Club was held on 8th December 1980. The election of officers: President, Bill Ashwell; Vice President, Ralph Dearnley; Secretary, Rachel Schusser; Treasurer, Kaisu Elgar.

**1981.** The 46th Congress of NZEA, a two-day gathering, was held in the Society of Friends Hall, 7 Moncrief Street, Wellington on 9th and 10th January 1981. The Congress was to have been held in Napier, but it proved impossible to hire caterers at that time of the year. Rather late in the year, it was transferred to Wellington who arranged a two-day Congress without accommodation. 35 esperantists attended from Christchurch in the south to Auckland in the north, and the Congress was very satisfactory and enjoyable.

On Wednesday, 8th April 1981, a new Esperanto Class started in the Wellington Teachers' College, Donald Street, Karori. Nelson Hill directed the Course according to the ĉe method, and the Beginners were able to say a few sentences in Esperanto before the end of the lesson.

It was with sincere regret that members heard of the death of Mr. W.J. (Barney) Donovan on 8th June 1981 at the age of 81. A past President of the W.E.C., Barney was an enthusiastic worker for the Movement. His gentle good nature as President helped to retain the membership, and his fine voice came over well whenever community singing was arranged at the Club.

On 12th July, Rachel Schusser, John Adcock and Michael Leon presented a very clever programme from "Radio Access" (Station 2YB). It took the form of a three-way conversation, clarifying basic points about Esperanto and the Movement. There followed some news in Esperanto with English translation.

About this time, Major Petersen, editor of "NZE" reported that, although still not well, he was able to continue with most of his Esperanto tasks. He was, however, unable to walk far, and he urged that contributions continue to be sent in as he was finding it difficult to chase them up.

The A.G.M. of the Wellington Club was held on 16th November 1981, and officers elected were: President, Mrs. Gwenda Sutton; Vice President, Ralph Dearnley; Secretary, Tonny Jansen; Treasurer, Rachel Schusser.

**1982.** The funeral of Mr. P. (Perc) McRae, took place on 18th January, 1982. He was a former member of the Wellington Club, where he at one time acted as Librarian. He enjoyed acting in plays on the Club stage and was a very popular member.

Nelson Hill succeeded in having a long article, with photographs about Esperanto published in the "Evening Post" of 9th March 1982. Seldom did the language receive such good publicity in a prominent part of a chief daily newspaper. Nelson was congratulated for his achievement.

In the year 1982, Wellingtonians never had it so good. They had the opportunity to learn Esperanto in three meeting places: Wellington Esperanto Club (with Ralph Dearnley and Gwenda Sutton); Community Institute Evening Classes (John Adcock) and at Teachers' College, Karori (Nelson Hill).

The Wellington Club commenced the year in a new venue - the United Nations Association rooms in Bowen House at 5.30pm. Three new members were enrolled and were taught for 75 minutes followed by a programme. Earlier the Club had arranged a window display at the Central Public Library and also in a shopping arcade, and leaflets distributed through some suburbs.

The new class in the Teachers' College, Karori, began with 12 Beginners. A change in starting time from 7.30pm to 5pm was preferred and more convenient for the "students" who for the most part were of middle age.

On 22nd April 1982, Jim Allan was interviewed on radio by Sharon Crosbie.

Jim Allan died suddenly on 6th July 1982. The "NZE" No. 425, 1982/4 paid tribute to the work and life of Jim in its black-edged edition. The eulogy was given by Ralph Dearnley. (A further tribute on page 52.)

The Wellington Esperanto Club arranged an Esperanto evening meal on 22nd July 1982. Thirteen esperantists met in the Marcel restaurant, Courtenay Place. Rachel Schusser had translated the menu into Esperanto and distributed a souvenir copy to each diner. The meal and service were excellent, the conversation in Esperanto, of course, and some photos taken of the group. Nelson Hill addressed the happy party.

In September the Wellington Club, together with the Rondo, broadcast a talk over "Radio Access." Five persons spoke, some seriously, some amusingly.

On 19th November 1982, in Levin, the death occurred of David Kirk at the age of 79. Dave had become a member of the Wellington Club in about 1936. (Refer to page 52.)

December 6th, at the A.G.M. the election of officers was held. President, Mrs. G. Sutton; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mrs. T. Jansen; Treasurer, Mr. R. Morris.

Publicity: Up to 10 December 1982, the "Evening Post" had published 37 items dealing with Esperanto, for the greater part submitted by Bertram Potts and Nelson Hill.

**1983.** The Wellington Club commenced the new year with a number of visitors. During the holidays, a stall was held at the "Summer City" Festival. The members told the public about the International Language and gave away balloons printed with the words, "Learn Esperanto, the International Language." Many brochures were handed to enquirers. Seven people defended Esperanto with the pen in the "Dominion," against those who spoke against it. Radio "Access" had been giving Esperanto lessons for a number of weeks. *wife. has been married!*

The Club was pleased to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Stefan MacGill and a friend. Stefan spoke about the work at the Central Office in Rotterdam. His wife donated a small book, "Nederlando Koncize," which was translated into six languages including Esperanto.

Regional Weekend in Wellington 28th and 29th May. 28 Esperantists met at the Johnsonville Union Church Hall. The programme included a Language Session, talks, amusing games, plays etc. interspersed with cups of tea etc. The programme was arranged by the Masterton Club, Wellington Club and the Wellington Rondo.

To celebrate Esperanto Day, 17th September, the Wellington Club rented a Hall in the Public Library for a few hours. This meeting attracted around 70 people who showed interest in the language and read the brochures. The Club also showed a film. Members were glad of the help of Mrs. Gwenda Sutton who was a capable projectionist. Children were presented with balloons on which was printed, "Learn Esperanto, the International Language." Quite by chance two visitors from USA arrived who already had an interest in Esperanto, so the organisers were happy to meet them. Club members believed that the project was well worth while.



Officers elected on 28th November 1983 were, President, Mrs. G. Sutton; Vice President, Mr. E.R. Dearnley; Secretary, Mrs. M. Moore; Treasurer, Mr. B. Roitero; Committee member, Mrs. F.J. Dearnley.

Annual Meeting held on 10th December 1984. Officers elected were, President, Mrs. G. Sutton; Vice President, Prof. C.J. Adcock; Secretary, unfilled; Treasurer, Mr. B. Roitero; Committee, Mr. E.R. Dearnley and Mr. R. Morris.

On 8th July 1985, Mr. Roy Morris who had been acting secretary, retired. Mr. Ralph Dearnley agreed to act as secretary.

At a meeting of the Wellington Esperantists held on 24th March 1986 in the WEA Rooms in Taranaki Street, it was unanimously decided that the Wellington Esperanto Club be disbanded. Classes to be held under the auspices of the WEA. The funds of the Club to be passed to NZEA for use in promoting Esperanto in Wellington.

### \*\*\*\*\* THE ESPERANTO-RONDO OF WELLINGTON

The monumental History of Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963 by W.H. King (Bill) contains no information about the Esperanto-Rondo in Wellington, which has opened and gone into recess several times during this period. This record will be a concise history of the Rondo from its inception.

The object of the Rondo was to rescue members of the Clubs who had completed a year of tuition from drifting away from the Movement, and to retain their interest and give them practice in hearing, understanding and speaking the language.

Records of early meetings have either been lost or were just not kept, but there had been 16 meetings by September 1941, so the Rondo must have been formed April or May 1939 - or perhaps even earlier.

On September 11th 1941, a Rondo Meeting was held in the N.Z. Educational Institute Room in the "Evening Post" Building with 19 members attending. Anton Vogt had intimated that he could no longer act as secretary and programme arranger, so the following Executive was elected: President, Vernon J. Leck; Secretary, Bob Perfect; Treasurer, Ralph Dearnley; Programme arranger, Bill Turowski (later Turner.)

The usual financial difficulties beset the Rondo, so at the meeting, October 9, 1941, the Karori Esperanto Society donated £1 (\$2) and a collection was taken at the door.

Those contributing to the programme were: Blanche Godier (songs at the piano), Bert Roth (a talk on "Love") and Earnest Thawley ("The Aztecs of South America.")

At a later meeting a mixing game in which members changed places every five minutes continued for half an hour, then Bob Perfect spoke about the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake, which he experienced. Erwin Bernfeld and Bert Potts held a lively discussion about classical and modern art. Bert Potts then gave examples of beautiful Esperanto phrases which he had collected and placed in his "Garden of Esperanto." This "garden" was later to grow into a colossal word and phrase encyclopedia.

There were 32 members present at the meeting 13 November 1941. Joe Major was welcomed to the Rondo, and he was to prove a most valuable member through more than 46 years.

For the programme, Graeme Ayson and Earnest Sharp presented a violin and piano duet, Judy Harding read a poem "La Violetoj," Park Thomas spoke about the Soviet Union and Tom Colomb gave a talk on "Eugene Sandow - the Strong Man."

Nelson Hill said, prophetically, that the Rondo should one day be stronger than the Clubs. This did eventually happen, but not in the way he expected. Erwin Bernfeld read the fable, "The Three Bears," and Joe Major spoke about Ronald Dutton, inventor of Dutton's Speed-words.

27 members attended the Annual General Meeting on 11 December 1941. The executive for the following year was: President, Joe Thomas; vice president, Erwin Bernfeld; secretary, Bob Perfect; treasurer, Dave Evans; programme arranger, Bill Turowski.

By now New Zealand was well into World War II and both the Clubs and the Rondo lost members to the armed forces, a number paying the supreme sacrifice - see pages 126 and 131 "Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963."

The Rondo went into recess until the end of 1946.

Personal problems at the Wellington Esperanto Club caused a drop in membership from almost 200 to just a few loyal members.

Nelson Hill, just returned from service in the R.N.Z.A.F. (his Lancaster bore the Esperanto emblem: a green star and the legend "La Verda Stelo") undertook the job of rounding up old members to re-establish the Rondo.

On 9 April 1946, a meeting was held in the home of Nelson Hill at 166 Sydney Street (later demolished to make way for the motorway) to discuss re-formation of "La Esperanto-Kulturo-Rondo de Wellington". Those present were Edgar Hornblow, Joe Thomas, Erwin Bernfeld, Ralph Dearnley, Tom Columb, Joyce Wilson, Joan Rogerson and Nelson Hill - the last three being members of the Karori Esperanto Society, which had continued despite the war.

Bluey Blong had agreed to print invitations to the first meeting. The annual subscription was set at 10s 6d (\$1.05); 5/- (50c) for members of clubs, and visitors free.

The second meeting to discuss the Rondo formation was held in the same venue, 14th November 1946, with attending members Phyllis Blair (later Foley), Joan Rogerson, Margaret McGregor, Lieut. Colonel J.L. Macalister, Ivan Flaws, Tom Colomb and Nelson Hill.

The Public Library had been booked at the cost of: Main Hall 14s (\$1.40); small Hall and kitchen 5s (50c) and piano 7/6 (75c).

All was now ready for the grand Opening. Frank Bailey inserted advertisements (in Esperanto) in the "Evening Post," "Dominion," and "Southern Cross."

At the Opening Meeting, the members stood and sang "La Espero," accompanied on the piano by Earnest Sharp. Col. Macalister asked members to stand in silence as a tribute to those Esperantists who sacrificed their lives for their country. He then spoke on the ideals of the Esperanto Movement. The programme was: songs by Blanche Godier, a talk by Anton Vogt on early days of Esperanto in Wellington, mentioning the translation of the song, "Franklyn D. Roosevelt Jones into "Tony Leck Edmanson Potts." He made special reference to club member Joy Asquith (later to become "Miss New Zealand") when she sang the song "Cinderella" in "Faust - as it should have been written," a three-act play written and presented by Nelson Hill in the Wellington Esperanto Club. Salutations at this meeting were given by Erwin Bernfeld (Austria), Dr. Fred Williams (Papua New Guinea and Australia), S-ino Steiner (Czechoslovakia), Susan Turner (Scotland) and Bill Turner (Germany); also from S-ro Grinstead (Wanganui) and Barney Donovan (Auckland.)

Ernie Sharp gave pianoforte items and Eddie Hornblow thanked Nelson Hill for his efforts in re-establishing the Rondo.

The Annual General Meeting of the new Rondo, held in the Lecture Room of the Wellington Public Library on Wednesday, 12 February 1947, elected the following Executive: President, Col. J.L. Macalister; vice president, Edgar Hornblow; secretary, Jim Allan; treasurer, Frank Bailey; committee, Jocelyn Roberts, Cliff Toomer and Belle Shrimpton. Committee meetings would in future be held in the office of Edgar Hornblow in Woodward Street.

During the year, programmes were supplied by Dave Kirk (2), Joe Major (2), Frank Bailey (3), Joyce Wilson (1), Louis Bernstein (1), Nelson Hill (3), Jocelyn Roberts (1), Anton Vogt (2), Alan Heathcote White (2), Edgar Hornblow (3), Ralph Dearnley (5), Vernon Leck (1), Regina Goldberg (1), Dave MacGill (2), Ernie Sharp (1), John Adcock (1) and Colonel Macalister (1).

At the Annual General Meeting on 12 November 1947, the Executive elected was: President, Colonel Macalister; vice president, Louis Berstein; secretary, Jim Allan; treasurer, Margaret McGregor; committee, Belle Shrimpton; Harry Sansum was elected delegate to the 13th Congress of the NZEA and the name of "The Cultural Rondo of Esperantists" was changed to "The Esperanto Rondo."

During 1948 Rondo meetings continued to be held in the smaller social hall of the Public Library committee meetings continued at the office of Edgar Hornblow.

1949 There were 22 members at the Opening Meeting in February 1949. It was noted that the "Evening Post" had published every report sent to them about Esperanto Rondo meetings, and this was very much appreciated.

Programme items during the year were given by Bertram Potts (2), Nelson Hill (5), Erwin Bernfeld (2), Dave Kirk (1), Jim Allan (2), Anton Vogt (1), Joe Major (2), Edgar Hornblow (1), Louis Bernstein (1), John Adcock (1), Frank Bailey (1), and Colonel Macalister (1).

Two visitors from Switzerland, Dr. and Mrs. Schacht were welcomed at the Rondo during the year.

At the Annual General Meeting, 10 November 1949, Ivan Flaws said that as the Rondo consisted mainly of Wellington Club members, the Rondo should amalgamate with the Club and so provide experienced speakers.

The Rondo then went into recess.

**September 1964.** There was now a long gap until the re-establishment of the Rondo. There is no record of the first meeting, but the second meeting was held 10 September 1964. Now entered the picture a man to whom the Rondo owes much to its very existence: Ross Moore. As secretary to the Wellington Manufacturers' Association, he offered the use of the Association's rooms free for Rondo meetings.

These luxuriously furnished rooms had all conveniences, in addition to the use of the kitchen. When the rooms were pre-booked, he obtained the rooms of the N.Z. Manufacturers on the floor beneath. When Ross left the Manufacturers' Association and the rooms were no longer available, it was he who gained for the Rondo the social hall of the ANZ Bank in Courteney Place. This was also free of charge but their staff did receive a tin of biscuits at the end of each year.

The first president was Bill Turner with secretary, Major H.W.R. (Pete) Petersen, and 21 esperantists attended. There were no minutes for the meeting in October, and the next minutes were recorded in heavy red ink, unfinished and unsigned. Apparently the minutes were then either lost or not kept, and the next record was of the Annual General Meeting in May 1965. There were 30 members at the June Meeting.

At the September meeting, there were 19 members and 18 visitors from Hutt Valley and other Clubs. A similar number attended the October and November meetings, with no minutes, but an attendance book was kept.

The next information comes from the minutes of 10 April 1969, the first meeting for that year. The convenor, Nelson Hill, said that as the President, Bill Turner, was overseas he would contact members by phone each month and keep the Rondo alive. This practice Nelson religiously followed.

Supper was an innovation where members could walk around with their cups of tea or coffee and a biscuit, but they had to converse in Esperanto.

Michael Leon, David MacGill and John Adcock provided the programme, and the Rondo wished John Ngamanu "Bonan Vojaĝon" for his trip overseas. Programmes for the year were provided by Michael Leon, Dave MacGill, John Adcock, Pete Petersen, Bertram Potts, Stefan MacGill, Rodney Haines, Anthony Richardson, Ross Moore, Boris de Larzac, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Thorpe, Roy Curtis, Ian Stevenson, Ted Dawson, Dr. W. Harris, Agnes Bray, Dick Court-Patience, who were all responsible for 1 programme. There was one visitor, Harujiro Miyazaki, who later married Rowena MacGill, and they now live in Japan.

The Christmas Meeting, December 1969, was a happy meeting, helped along by an excellent "Punch." It was initially almost a disaster. Glasses had been left out in the kitchen on the second floor, but the kitchen had been locked, so the Rondo worked in with the people who had hired the upstairs room, and everything worked out fine. It was a nostalgic and happy meeting with many old Esperantists being remembered.

The old Esperantists remembered were: W.L.(the old war horse) Edmanson, Bertram Potts, Vern Leck, E.C. Jack, Lou Dust, Glen Carty, Jock McGuigan and family, Bill King, Frank Bailey, Cliff Toomer, Joe Thomas, Bluey Blong, Anton Vogt, Marge Goodin, Marge Billing, Charles Cooch, Rosalind Rees, Bessie Ritchie, Frankie Gray, Mr. Bryce, Olive Breeze, Jim & Annie Wells, Mr. & Mrs. Phillips, Cyril, Arthur and Alice Phillips, Dave Evans, Wally May, Ivan Flaws, Nancy Edmanson, Ngaire Prentice, Fred Prentice, Tom Columb, Jack Riseborough, Flo Bennett, Topsy Bitossi, Coila Olsen, Lloyd Jowers, Stan and Mrs. Asquith, Joy Asquith (later Miss New Zealand), Bill Smith, Phyllis Blair (Foley), Joyce Wilson (Hill), Colonel Macalister (Commander of the Scottish Regiment), Bob Saunders, Ernie Sharp, Graeme Ayson, Henri Thoms, Matt Carver, Pam and Susie Saunders, Kath & Mary Sterling, Dave Kirk, Joe Major, Bernie Donovan, Edgar Hornblow, Mr. Cathcart and Bill Currie.

Many have died including Brendon Clark, Ernie Thawley, Erwin and Annie Bernfeld, Randal Smart (killed in action) and George Read.

Additional current day members were, Pete Petersen, Ralph Dearnley, Pat Carver, John Adcock, Dave MacGill, Stefan MacGill, Mary Richardson, Tony Richardson, Jim Allan, Ross Moore, Fred Fleming, Bill Turner, George Moller, Rona Wells, Louis Berstein, Hans Moller, Rose and Eve Webster and Don Archbold.

Finally, according to the minutes, Bert Potts kissed all the ladies, and after exchanging Christmas Greetings in Esperanto, everyone went home full of hope and cake and punch.

The average attendance for 1969 was between 20 and 30, seldom above or dropping below



these figures.

In 1970 there were 27 at the March meeting, still in the Wellington Manufacturers' Association rooms, courtesy of Ross Moore.

Convenor of the Rondo, Nelson Hill, welcomed Joe and Eve Major and Bill Turner who had recently returned from overseas. More than 70 members were phoned each month by Nelson Hill.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Bert and Nellie Potts was celebrated on 31 May 1970; they later celebrated the Diamond Anniversary on the same date in 1980.

Programmes during 1970 were provided by Ralph Dearnley, G. Dempsie, Bill Turner, Joe Major, Nelson Hill (2), Anthony Heugai, Boris de Larzac, Dave MacGill and Pete Petersen.

The death was recorded of veteran Esperantist, Vernon J. Leck, Past President of the Wellington Esperanto Club on 16th August 1970.

Visitors included Harujiro Miyazaki from Japan and Percy Holmes from Australia.

In March 1971, Dave MacGill played a tape made by Tibor Sekelj who had been in New Zealand January/February. As the NZEA Congress was to be held in Wellington, Jim Allan and Pete Petersen asked for a committee to be formed to arrange the Congress.

In April, Ross Moore announced that he was no longer secretary of the Wellington Manufacturers' Association so could not make their rooms available.

The May and June 1971 meetings were held in the Wellington Esperanto Club rooms. The July meeting was held in Education House, Willis Street, and the Rondo had to pay \$2.50 for use of the rooms. The programme was "Crime and Punishment," a two-part play by Nelson Hill. The "thief" was Roy Curtis, the salesgirl Rona Wells, the manager of the store, Ralph Dearnley, the policeman Dave MacGill. This was Part 1. Part 2 was the trial. Judge Louis Bernstein, Crown Prosecutor, Pete Petersen, Defence Counsel Bill Turner, and members of the audience were called as witnesses.

September 1971 saw a debate on "Women's Liberation" between Roy Curtis and Eve Major versus Michael Leon and Mrs. Van de Ploegi. The audience gave plenty of free advice to both sides. It was shown that impromptu talks were far better understood than prepared talks read from a script.

At the October 1971 meeting, members heard the news that Barney Donovan had an accident and had broken three ribs. Ralph Dearnley and Bill Turner provided the programme.

There were 31 members present at the November 1971 meeting. With lights extinguished, Dave MacGill reacted a Japanese fantasy.

At the Christmas 1971 meeting, Bill Turner was thanked for again printing leaflets advertising the Opening of the Club.

At the first meeting 1972 in March, John Adcock told of his trip through the Soviet Union where he was taken to hospital with suspected cholera.

In April 1972, Pete Petersen read a tribute to Bill King printed in Oomoto. Also recorded was the death of Tiny Goldsmith, past secretary of UEA and a previous visitor to New Zealand.

The hall was pre-booked for the May meeting and it was suggested that it be abandoned, but members insisted that the meeting be held, so it was postponed until 25th May. The programme was by John Adcock, Stefan MacGill and Margaret Hamlin. Stefan said that more than 700 children in New Zealand schools were learning Esperanto.

At the June meeting, Dr. Phillip Allingham spoke about a postcard he had received from an Esperanto Congress in Vastaras, Sweden.

The Education Institute had terminated all hiring of the Hall, but through the intervention of Ann Pollok, the Esperanto Rondo was permitted to continue. Members gave programme items in July, August and September. A Parliamentary debate was held. Major Petersen received a letter from the Ministry of External Affairs saying they had received a book in Esperanto about New Zealand by Professor Hori and did NZEA want a copy. David MacGill said that 13 schools in the Wellington district taught Esperanto.

At the October 1972 meeting, Pete Petersen said that 61 people had already enrolled for next year's NZEA Congress in Masterton.

November 1972, Dr. Phillip Allingham spoke on his world tour.

December 1972 was given to debate and community singing accompanied by Dave MacGill on the melodion and Nelson Hill on the banjo-ukulele.

The year 1973 opened on 8 March with 17 members present. Of those absent, John Adcock had broken his leg, Beverley Broadfoot was going to Bologne for an operation, Nora Ewing was in Europe, Rona Wells had knee trouble, and Boris and Beatrice de Larzac were going to Europe.

At the April 1973 meeting, the deaths were announced of club member Ted Dollimore, author

of guide book, "Every Place in New Zealand" and Blanche McMillan, formerly Blanche Godier, who, with her pupils, had provided songs and the music for many Esperanto meetings.

In June, Stefan MacGill showed his text book for schools and played the accompanying tape recording, which was commended for its clarity.

In July it was announced that the "Sunday Times" had published an excellent article about Esperanto. A who-dunit play, "The Death of Bernard Smythe" written by Nelson Hill, was presented in which the detectives, Louis Bernstein and Dick Court-Patience, tried to find out if Bernard Smythe had been murdered, or did he commit suicide? If murdered, who "dun" it?

A noted visitor to the Rondo in September 1973 was Claude Piron, who was in Wellington as an interpreter for the World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) He said that that morning the electronic system had broken down and delegates just sat twiddling their thumbs because they couldn't talk to each other. He recommended that Governments take notice and act accordingly. The whole problem of international communication could be solved by the one simple international tongue.

October 1973 saw the death of an old Esperantist Harry Bray.

In December on Zamenhof evening, Joe Major reacted three of Zamenhof's most famous poems - "La Vojo," "Ho Mia Kor'" and "Preĝo Sub La Verda Standardo," including the verse omitted during a Congress in France. Three impromptu plays followed.

Programmes during the year had been provided by Michael Leon (2), Jim Allan (1), Joe Major (4), Stefan MacGill (2), Bill Turner (2), Nelson Hill (1), Louis Bernstein (1), Roy Curtis (1), Dick Court-Patience (1) and John Adcock (1).

Visitors to the Rondo during the year were: Fred Wood and Bob Perfect from Auckland, Claude Piron from Switzerland, and Eleanor and Louis Stein from United States.

At the first meeting in March 1974 members had to prove some absurd ideas. Joe Major was to represent NZEA at the UEA Congress in Hamburg.

In May 1974 the death was announced of Franz Jonas, Esperantist president of Austria.

In August John Adcock had taken part in a radio session with Paddy O'Donnell.

In September 1974 John Adcock reported official sanction for Esperanto to be taught in schools. A Course for teachers was to be held in Wellington during October (5 teachers participated.)

Dr. Hamvai of Auckland told of his marriage to an Estonian girl when the ceremony was in Esperanto.

In November Bill Aldridge, chief translator for the Department of Internal Affairs, spoke of his work and gave several interesting examples of the art of translating. He was followed by Joe Major, who presented a full report on the 59th UEA Congress in Hamburg. The talk was taped by Michael Leon.

In December 1974 thanks were extended to Ann Pollok for her assistance in retaining the use of the room in Education House for meetings, to Joyce Hill and Rona Wells for setting up supper and washing up, to all Esperantists who provided programmes and to all who attended Rondo meetings, without whom the Rondo could not continue. Programmes during the year were provided by Joe Major (2), Ann Pollok, Marianne Down, Nelson Hill, Dave MacGill (2), Pete Petersen, Jim Allan (2), Bill Turner, John Adcock, Roy Curtis, Ralph Dearnley, Louis Bernstein and Bill Aldridge.

Visitors were : Dr. Hamvai, Auckland; Leslie Hakkaart, Sally Williams and Mick Carroll. The death had occurred of John Robson, one time treasurer of the Karori Esperanto Society.

**1975** There were 25 members at the Opening Meeting in March 1975. A visitor, Hajpin Li from Seoul, South Korea, author of the full Korean Esperanto Dictionary. He said he had intended to stay in New Zealand for just three months, but, because of the warm welcome, he would stay the full six months permitted.

In April a simplified evening for Beginners was discussed, with meetings half in Esperanto and half in English. The Rondo decided against this.

At the July evening, Nelson Hill distributed leaflets he had written for Joyce Hill to distribute at a Women's Convention in Wellington. Bill Turner had printed them free of charge. Joe and Eve Major reported on a recent meeting with Esperantists in Palmerston North.

In August 1975, Bill Aldridge played a tape of 5 speakers of different nationalities speaking in Esperanto. He invited members to pick the nationalities from the accents. Two members guessed 2 speakers correctly but all the others guessed wrongly on all 5 speakers.

In September, the Rondo was advised that Nelson Hill had received a letter from the Minister of Education intimating he had passed the letter re Esperanto in Schools to the concerned committee. Joe Major spoke on neologisms and gave explicit examples.

A Display was to be held in the Public Library and Nelson Hill asked for additional display material at the October 1975 meeting.

An extemporary play showed Rona Wells as a shy bride, with Eve Major, Gwenda Sutton and Joyce Hill "persuading" her to marry the amorous bridegroom Ross Moore, who was being discouraged by Harry Sansum, Louis Bernstein and Bill Aldridge.

On October 28th well known announcer, Joe Cote interviewed Nelson Hill in the National Radio Morning Programme. The same day an Esperanto stall was held at the Town Hall, during a Festival of Wellington Women. The stall displayed Esperanto envelopes, postcards, posters and publications relative to the Movement. Two of the most interesting exhibits for the public were the "Bible" and the book, "Winnie the Pooh."

At this time, Dr. Doris Schmid, a teacher from Switzerland, was a popular visitor to Wellington. She was interviewed by Doreen of 2ZB.

At the December 1975 meeting, it was announced that the Hall in Education House would not be available. The financial loss for the year was \$4.27. Joe Major paid the traditional tribute to Zamenhof and members provided a Christmas programme.

Programmes during the year were provided by Jim Allan, Stefan MacGill (6), John Adcock (5), Pete Petersen, Dave MacGill, Jo Williams, Marianne Down, Roy Curtis, Joe Major (2), Victor MacGill, Jo Squire, Bill Aldridge (2), Pat Carver, Neil van Vliet and Ralph Dearnley.

Visitors were Hajpin Li from Korea, Christopher Fettes from Dublin and Sam Watson from Havelock.

**1976** Due to the continued co-operation of Ross Moore, the Rondo opened its March 1976 meeting in the Social Hall of the ANZ Bank in Courtenay Place. This was a large Hall with all facilities, centrally heated and no rent to pay. It would be true to say that without the help of Ross the Rondo would have folded. Michael Leon played a record of songs and poetry from Brazil. Jim Allan gave a report on the 1st Pacific Congress in Melbourne. A light-hearted tongue-in-cheek series of election speeches were delivered by some of the members.

It was mentioned with regret that Joe Thomas, one of the Movement's most respected pioneers had passed away.

In July 1976, Bill Aldridge was asked to look after the Rondo while Nelson and Joyce Hill were overseas. A mystery play by Nelson, "The murder of Mr. Brown" was presented by Pete Petersen, Bill Aldridge, Jo Squire, Ross Moore and Eve Major.

As the person who normally collected the keys to the Rondo venue did not turn up, the August meeting was held in the nearby Terminus Hotel. Ralph Dearnley led a rather "merry" quiz.

In September John Adcock reported on the teaching of Esperanto in schools and Harry Sansum presented his remarkable "health machine". Joe Major concluded with a review of two books.

The Hall had been pre-booked for the October meeting, but that meeting was due to end when the Rondo was due to begin. It was a gathering of the "Toastmasters." Dave MacGill had arrived early, so he was asked to give a two-minute talk in Esperanto about world problems; this invitation he accepted with alacrity.

In November 1976, Bill Aldridge welcomed back Joyce and Nelson Hill from their trip overseas, during which they attended the UEA Congress in Athens. Joyce had delivered Greetings from the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Robert Muldoon, the Minister of Education and the Leader of the Opposition.

Esperantists met for lunch every Thursday in Friendship Hall. Bill Aldridge and Nelson Hill were made trustees for the Rondo.

The Rondo combined with the Wellington Esperanto Club for the Christmas Meeting held in the Workers' Educational Association Rooms on the Terrace. John Adcock, who presided, mentioned the "Science World", which was issued in Esperanto. Ralph Dearnley provided a quiz and Harry Sansum and Roy Curtis cleaned up the rooms afterwards.

During the year 1976, programmes were provided by Michael Leon, Bill Turner, Vere Williams (2), Louis Bernstein, Pete Petersen (3), Bill Aldridge (3), Erin McGifford, Harry Sansum (3), Dave MacGill, John Adcock, Jim Allan, Nelson Hill, Dick Court-Patience, Jo Squire (3), Roy Curtis (2), Ross Moore, Eve Major, Ralph Dearnley and Joe Major.

Visitors were: Mrs. Cunningham from Rotorua, Fred Wood from Auckland and Erin McGifford from Christchurch.

In March 1977, the meeting was held in the ANZ Bank Social Hall. Nelson Hill spoke about London and how the city had been "taken over" by foreign residents. Joe Major had just been made an examiner for the BEA.

In July 1977, Bill Aldridge gained the BEA Diploma with high honours. Major Petersen had taken over the Book Department of NZEA. Ralph Dearnley had translated an H.G. Wells's story, "The Operation" and Dave MacGill had taped it, with additional music and effects. The recording was in two parts - one of 45 minutes, and the other 30 minutes.

Fourteen faithful members braved the terrible weather to attend the August meeting; Eve Major



gave an interesting talk on "How she met Esperanto and Joe at the same time."

September 1977, 18 attended. Pete Petersen took along an assortment of books published in the previous eight years - and sold more than \$40 worth. John Adcock, Jim Allan, Harry Sansum and Michael Leon represented Mayoral candidates for the forthcoming election and gave speeches in Esperanto accordingly.

Herbert Foley, from Christchurch, was welcomed to the October meeting. Joyce Hill spoke of some of the interesting women she had met in Europe.

In November the Rondo again held a combined meeting with the Wellington Esperanto Club.

On December 15th 1977, the Rondo celebrated Zamenhof Night, more than 20 being present. Michael Leon, Jim Allan, Joe and Eve Major and Pete Petersen all contributed to a delightful programme followed by an enjoyable supper.

Programmes for the year 1977 had been presented by Fred Wood, Nelson Hill, Jim Allan (2), Herb Foley, John Adcock (3), Louis Bernstein (2), Joe Major, Eve Major, Bill Aldridge, Harry Sansum, Michael Leon and Joyce Hill.

Visitors were: Fred Wood, Auckland, Capt. C.J. Murphy, and Herb. Foley, Christchurch.

During the year the death had occurred of Dorothy Kempton.

In 1978 members requested that the Rondo begin in February. With the assistance of Ross Moore the ANZ Bank Social Hall was again made available. It was decided to make this a "Bertram Potts" evening, honouring a pioneer of the Movement in New Zealand. A number of members spoke glowingly of his work for the Movement. Nelson Hill read several poems from the book "Poezia Bukedo por Geknaboj de la Mondo" - at that time not yet published.

As the ANZ Bank room was pre-booked, the March 1978 meeting was held in the Manufacturers' Association Rooms. Jim Allan mentioned that five New Zealand Esperantists would attend the UEA Congress in Varna.

Members decided that the Rondo should affiliate with NZEA so the \$10 subscription for 1977-1978 left the Rondo with \$17.00 deficit. At every meeting, Pete Petersen took NZEA books for sale.

At the May 1978 meeting John Adcock said he had given a talk to MENSAs. Bill Aldridge said that his department - Internal Affairs - had purchased a book about language problems, with a text in Esperanto.

News in June 1978 was that Prof. John Adcock and his wife Dr. Ngaire Adcock, were to visit Europe where John was to deliver a paper on Psychology. In Liege John would attend the first course in Psychology to be held in Esperanto.

Bill Aldridge gave the programme and acted as a judge, and members accused of traffic offenses had to explain their reasons. The replies were ingenious, and amusing.

In August, Jo Squire, an enthusiastic member, left Wellington to join her husband in London. It was expected they would be away 5 - 7 years.

In September Dr. W. Harris donated several Esperanto books to the Book Department. In October members spoke on his/her profession or trade - a surprising variety.

The death of Christine Kellman Beattie was announced with regret.

The forthcoming Parliamentary elections occupied the minds of Rondo members in November, and 10 who participated presented some fantastic promises with a view to election.

Various games were played at the meeting on December 14. Joe Major paid homage to Zamenhof; David Rockell and members of the Wellington Club sang songs and carols. An enjoyable evening. The year showed a loss of \$7.38 financially.

Programme items during 1978 were given by Jim Allan (2), Bill Aldridge (2), Dave MacGill, Roy Curtis, Joe Major (2), Pete Petersen, Ralph Dearnley, Joyce Hill and Michael Leon.

The deaths were recorded of Garnet Fraser, Tom Higgins, Frank Miles, Christine Beattie and Arthur Phillips.

1979 The ANZ Bank was again the venue for the Rondo in 1979. Bob Perfect had written a letter from Auckland to the "Listener" and they had rung Ralph Dearnley for a title - which he gave, "Jen la Novaĵo." In March, 16 members braved the rain for the Rondo re-opening. Jim Allan reminded the meeting of the aims and role of UEA and gave brief details of the organisation, delegate network, subscriptions and publications.

After supper, a game - sellers and buyers - provided much amusement. Pete Petersen tried to sell a battleship to Louis Bernstein; Bill Aldridge - over-ripe bananas to Eve Major; Joe Major - an elephant to Joyce Hill; Bill Turner - a castle to Roy Curtis; David Rockell - Soames Island to Gwenda Sutton. Pete Petersen summarised by concluding he could accept the battleship and sail to Soames Island, where he would live in the castle, take the elephant and feed it on bananas!

Esperantists of the Rondo at that time were not only good speakers but they were also humorous. It was a very friendly group where all worked together to advance Esperanto.

During a TV programme, "Beauty and the Beast," hosted by Selwyn Toogood, the participants all spoke favourably in reply to a question about Esperanto.

Although it was Budget night, 9 faithful members were present at the June meeting. Mrs. Farmery had donated her Esperanto books to the Movement before leaving for Austria to meet up with another Wellington Esperantist, Beverley Broadfoot.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Pat Carver, a loyal Esperantist, treasurer of the club for many years and an ex-flying instructor in the RNZAF. Pat died on 6th April 1979.

The death was recorded of Club member Eva McLintock, wife of the editor of "An Encyclopaedia of New Zealand," and of Eddie Hornblow.

Nelson Hill reported on a talk he gave about Esperanto to 40 boys and girls at the Petone Memorial Technical College. Bill Aldridge started speaking about Brazil but received so many questions that it developed a "Questions and Answers" session.

The October meeting was an opportunity for a Book Evening and Pete Petersen sold stock to the value of \$33, in spite of an attendance of only 9. Gwenda Sutton spoke of her attendance at the UEA Congress in Lucerne.

Members of the Upper Hutt Esperanto Club attended the Closing Meeting for 1979. Joe Major, in his inimitable style, paid a tribute to Dr. Zamenhof. Programmes during the year were presented by Jim Allan (2), Tonny Jansen (2), Joyce Hill, Gwenda Sutton (2), Pete Petersen (3), John Adcock (3), Joe Major, Bill Aldridge (2), Bill Ashwell, Michael Leon (2), Louis Bernstein (2), Bill Turner, Eve Major and Ralph Dearnley.

Deaths were recorded were: Pat Carver, Eddie Hornblow, Eva McLintock and Mick Carroll.

In February 1980, a valedictory on Bill Rolt, who died in Hamilton, was given by Pete Petersen.

In March, Nelson Hill introduced some debatable subjects and all members took part. The meeting closed sharply at 10pm so that members could get home before the crowds from a concert by Fleetwood Mac filled the streets.

Interesting to note that at the Rondo of February 21, 1980 serious discussion was given for collecting and preserving historical facts and information relating to the Esperanto Movement in New Zealand with a view to preparing a second volume of its history.

In April, it was decided to circularise all esperantists in the Wellington Region with a view to encouraging their attendance at Rondo meetings. Joe and Eve Major presented anecdotes of their visit last year to the UEA Congress and Post Congress in Switzerland. Gwenda Sutton played excerpts of programmes from Radio Vatican and Radio Peking.

In May Ralph Dearnley divided the meeting into 2 teams and asked questions, alternately, on the subjects of New Zealand, Science, and General Knowledge.

A card with the signatures of Rondo members was sent to Bert and Nellie Potts on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary - May 31st, 1980.

In June Pete Petersen chose the life and some of the works of Robert Louis Stevenson for a talk, and Jim Allan mentioned his plans to visit the forthcoming UEA Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

Members were sorry to hear in a letter from Niel Van Vliet received in June, that he had terminal cancer and had less than 2 years to live.

Sadly, Joan Curtis, beloved wife of Roy passed away on 11th July 1980.

In July 1980, members were sorry to hear of the death of Victor Leonard Daniel. He was the second secretary of the Wellington Esperanto Club.

In July, Bill Aldridge spoke on gases and liquid alternatives to petrol.

Stefan MacGill was married in Holland. 2-a. derno.

Prof. John Adcock reported that the United Association of New Zealand had passed a resolution favouring Esperanto, and this had been communicated to Parliament.

In September 1980, Pete Petersen was in hospital. Roy Curtis visited him and they spoke in Esperanto, but the nurse was not impressed. She said, "Mi ankaŭ povas kompreni Esperanton!"

Sad to say, in November that year, Niel Van Vliet died.

Harry Sansum was in the Te Hopie Home.

At the meeting on November 20, John Adcock spoke on the use of "ig" and "iĝ" and the ambiguity of the words "bati" and "fumi."

Mr. Jim Allan showed some beautiful slides of his voyage to Europe, the pre-Congress in Poland, the UEA Congress in Stockholm and the post Congress in Gotland, Sweden.

Some 20 Esperantists and friends attended the End-of-Year Meeting of the Rondo in December 1980. Wine, cheese and crackers were provided. Some amusing games entertained the gathering, and after Joe Major's traditional tribute to Dr. Zamenhof, the sumptuous supper concluded a happy and successful year.

Programmes during the year were presented by Pete Petersen (5), Ralph Dearnley (2), Nelson Hill (4), John Ngamanu, Joe Major (3), Eve Major (2), Gwenda Sutton (3), Louis Bernstein

(2), Jim Allan (4), Bill Aldridge (3), John Adcock (3), Tonny Jansen, Joyce Hill and Steve Moss. Deaths recorded were: Flo Bennett, Fred Prentice, Victor Leonard Daniel and Niel Van Vliet.

At the March 1981 Meeting of the Rondo, it was announced that Elizabeth Boyd gave an address on Esperanto to 30 students at the Petone Memorial Technical College.

In April, Nelson Hill reported that 10 Beginners attended the first meeting of the Esperanto class in the Teachers' College, Karori. He thanked Bill Turner for again printing notices free of charge.

A Television programme had been broadcast about former member Rodney Haines, who had two artificial arms. He was then a lawyer in Nelson.

Joe Major had written the script for a broadcast on "Radio Access" by John Adcock and Michael Leon. A tape of the broadcast was played at the April meeting and caused much discussion.

Two well-known Esperantists from Auckland, Audrey and Fred Wood, were welcomed at the May Rondo and they were invited to take over the programme. Community singing followed, using the NZEA songbook.

The June meeting became a "debating forum," led by Louis Bernstein and Bill Turner. In July the meeting finished early so that members could watch the T.V. programme "Nuclear Nightmare" presented by Peter Ustenof, but not before hearing a tape of a broadcast from "Radio Access" by John Adcock, Michael Leon and Rachael Schusser. This had been recorded by Roy Curtis.

Harry Sansum died in Calvary Hospital on 9th September 1981. Margaret McGregor, the matron at the hospital, was also an Esperantist.

In August 1981 Fred Adams, with the aid of a blackboard, dealt with translating machines and showed how certain words ("like" was an example) could present difficulties. John Adcock gave a profound talk on the United Nations and the threat to the world by countries who possessed the atom bomb.

Mary Richardson talked about her trip to Japan and Hawaii at the September Rondo, and Joe Major gave a competent analysis on the book "The Hidden Life of Zamenhof."

The October Meeting developed into a discussion evening on some contentious subjects. Don Rogers was welcomed back from Australia at the November meeting, and two members of the Karori Esperanto class, Evelyn McIntosh and Gwenella Patterson, were also made to feel very welcome.

The December 1981 meeting wound up the Rondo for the year. A collection at the door (\$52) turned a loss of \$12.32 for the year into a profit. There were 20 present. Susan Turner won a "mixing" game which entailed guessing the profession allocated to each participant by means of a card. An amusing extempore play starring Eve Major was well applauded. As the date, (December 17th) was the birthday of Ralph Dearnley, a phone call was put through to him and everyone sang "Happy Birthday." The gathering had to be "sent home" at 11pm.

Programmes during the year were given by Jim Allan (3), Mary Richardson (2), Ralph Dearnley, Louis Bernstein (4), Bill Turner (4), Fred Adams (3), John Adcock (2), Joe Major (4), Joyce Hill, Tonny Jansen, Gwenda Sutton, Eve Major and Roy Curtis.

Visitors were: Fred and Audrey Wood of Auckland.

Deaths: Ida Cooper, Yvon Canty (Auckland), Barney Donovan - past President of the Wellington Esperanto Club, Mick Hughson, Anne Crompton-Smith and Harry Sansum.

**IN FEBRUARY 1982**, Nelson Hill distributed leaflets (again printed by Bill Turner free of charge) advertising the re-commencement for the year of the Karori class in the Teachers' College, Karori. There was discussion at the Rondo concerning a letter received by Joyce Hill from Russia, asking for information about New Zealand women. Gwenda Sutton said that, despite advertising, only four newcomers attended the opening meeting of the Wellington Esperanto Club.

In March 1982, Nelson Hill reported that 12 beginners attended the opening of the Esperanto class in Karori. Jim Allan had suggested to Bert Potts that he give his books to the National Library, rather than to the Alexander Turnbull Library, so that the books would be available to the public. (The Turnbull Library already held the George Gordon Collection).

In April it was announced that Joe Major would be N.Z.E.A. delegate to the U.E.A. Congress in Antwerp. The new N.Z.E.A. leaflets were distributed.

May. Someone had written to radio announcer Sharon Crosby in Esperanto and she had asked Jim Allan for a translation. This awakened some interest in radio listeners. Due to the inclement weather, sickness, and the lift not working! the attendance was small for the May Rondo; however, Dr. Donald Rogers showed some fine slides about the energy problems in New Zealand, and some of his student days at Monash University, near Melbourne.

Ross Robins, passing through Wellington, phoned his salutations to the June Rondo meeting.

The programme arranged for the July 1982 meeting was abandoned and the evening was devoted to honouring the memory of Jim Allan, who died suddenly in Wellington Hospital on July 6.



Nelson Hill spoke of his life and achievements; Louis Bernstein gave a moving tribute in which he spoke the words to be remembered, "He did his best and he did it well". It was a sad and subdued meeting. He would be missed by Esperantists all over New Zealand.

In August, Gwenda Sutton reported on the dinner party at the Marcel Restaurant in Courtenay Place, arranged by the Wellington Club on July 22. Nelson Hill said he would prefer someone else to carry on organising the Rondo - "he was getting old" - and suggested Don Rogers. Gwenda Sutton, however, insisted that a committee be set up to run the Rondo; the matter was dropped. Visitors from the Karori Esperanto Class were Sue Henderson and Ruth Tideman. Nelson had taught Sue, and Sue had taught Ruth. Both were fluent speakers and joined in the programme of debates.

The fee for the Rondo was increased from 20 cents to 30 cents.

Six members from the Karori Class attended the September 1982 Rondo; they were Sue Henderson, Evelyn McIntosh, Diane Gernik, Vivien Lightfoot, Lyn Davis and Tuška Goddard; also two students from the Wellington Club - Mr. & Mrs. I. and N. Buess.

October 1982 - the Rondo members discussed the lack of experienced instructors. A letter from the A.N.Z. Bank said that their hall would be unavailable after the end of the year. Louis Bernstein gave a serious talk on the economic situation in New Zealand and in other parts of the world. Tonny Jansen played a cassette of the Radio Access broadcast of September 6. Finally, members of the Karori Class presented a play, written by Nelson Hill, entitled "Men". The cast were Vivien Lightfoot, Diane Gernik, Sue Henderson and her five-year-old daughter Sara, Lyn Davis and Ruth Tideman.

Eleven were present at the November meeting and six members sent apologies. The Rondo sent greetings to Pete Petersen, who was gravely ill in hospital; he still had his typewriter with him to complete the copy for the "New Zealand Esperantist".

Joe Major spoke firmly against any changes in Esperanto, as had been suggested by Bernard Golden, in Hungary.

For a good "mixing" game at the December Rondo, 1982, members and visitors were given proverbs, written on pieces of paper, then cut in half, one piece to the men and the other to the women. Each were eventually matched up. Another game, in which the men were seated back to back with their women "partner" and asked to say what the other was wearing. The ladies won "hands down"! As the A.N.Z. Bank Social Hall would not be available for the Rondo in 1983, the meetings would recommence in the Teachers' college, Donald Street, Karori, on 17 February at 8pm. in the Students' Common Room.

**1983:** At the first meeting in February the Attendance Book was incorporated in the Minute Book. Minutes were kept only as a record and not as official minutes to be read and approved. Not very business-like but it worked. The Rondo had no president, no secretary and no treasurer - only a convenor. Telephoning members once a month was continued. Gwenda Sutton, President of the Wellington Esperanto Club, reported that only four new beginners turned up to their opening meeting. Nelson Hill reported that he was teaching a class of seven students in the Wellington Girls' College.

Some time earlier, Mary Richardson had won a prize of a trip to Disneyland and in the July meeting gave a talk on her visit to that Wonderland. Nelson Hill passed archives of N.Z.E.A., received from Beryl Allan, to Fred Adams for safe keeping.

In August 1983 Gwenda Sutton gave an interesting talk about her attendance at the national congress of the Japanese Esperanto Association, held in Kameoka. She had met many Japanese and remarked, that in Europe, the New Zealand name well known amongst Esperantists was Bertram Potts, but in Japan it was Joe Major.

When Joe Major mentioned he had extracts from some Hungarian journals relating to the U.E.A. congress, his remarks were so interesting that members of the Rondo attending the September meeting suggested that the pre-arranged programme be postponed so that they could hear more. The congress in Budapest was the largest to date: more than 5000 Esperantists from 72 countries and a further 2000 interested visitors were present.

As usual, the Rondo met on the third Thursday of the month, in the social hall of the Teachers' College in Karori. During the October 1983 meeting Fred Adams reported that Dr. Beaumont had died and bequeathed \$200.00 to N.Z.E.A. Fred gave a talk on jokes, pointing out that remarks which may be humorous in one country would not necessarily be so in others.

Two problems raised at the November Rondo by Nelson Hill generated some lively argument, which continued even through the supper period. Club members were delighted to learn that Jill, wife of Bill Aldridge, had given birth to a daughter - Lucy Elizabeth.

Co-incidentally, the Christmas Rondo met on the anniversary of Zamenhof's birthday - 15 Dec. The "Majstro" was born on that date in 1859 and Joe Major spoke sincerely about his life and ideals. A social programme had been arranged and an enjoyable supper concluded the evening.

The caretaker of the building entered some time after 11pm., hinting that the gathering should be "breaking up". Altogether a happy evening.

**1984:** Commencing with the February meeting, Rondo night was changed from the third Thursday (late shopping night) to the second Wednesday of the month, still in the Teachers' College, Karori. The programme was devoted to impressions, experiences and opinions of the members who had attended the N.Z.E.A. congress in Auckland. They were Don Rogers, Fred Adams, Joe Major and Joyce Hill.

Nelson Hill reported at the March Rondo that he had tried to start a class on Sunday afternoons but that it was not successful. The few who turned up were passed on to the Wellington Club.

Twelve "samideanoj" and a visitor were present at the Rondo in April. It was mentioned that, through a series of Letters to the Editor in the "Dominion" Esperanto had gained 73 inches of propaganda. John Adcock spoke of his experiences during a tour through U.S.A., Canada, Europe and Australia.

Major H.W.R. Petersen (or "Pete" as he was known to his friends) died in hospital on 22 April 1984. He had not long completed the copy for the "New Zealand Esperantist". Members of the Rondo meeting in May paid tribute to his memory and to his faithful work as a teacher of Esperanto, his term as a Wellington Club secretary and president, administrator of the Book Department and editor of "N.Z.E.". Another long-time Esperantist, Anton Vogt, who died in France about the same time, was also remembered. "Tony" as many knew him, was a well-known educationalist and a previous secretary of the Wellington Club.

As the programme arranged for the May meeting could not be used, members debated on some topics with psychological significance.

In June a tape was made for the Masterton Club, each member present contributing. The Karori group presented a short play and Joe Major spoke on the uses of Esperanto.

In July, Nelson Hill arranged a display of Esperanto material at St. Peter's Church in Willis Street for a service commemorating Youth Communication Year. Two visitors to the July Rondo were Stephen Jones and Alan Dickie, who later became members. The Karori group presented a costumed play, "The King and the Salt" at the August meeting.

There were 14 present at the September meeting to hear Ralph Dearnley talk about his voyage overseas - but not as he had arranged it! Much inter-discussion followed.

John Adcock posed some psychological problems in October.

Some English had been creeping into the conversation; as a consequence it was requested at the November meeting that members speak only in Esperanto. Surprisingly, they obeyed. Stephen Jones, a Hutt Valley High School pupil who had been studying Esperanto for only three months (mainly by himself) provided a very good programme.

December 1984. Twenty six members, families and friends attended the December meeting. The "only Esperanto spoken" rule was relaxed because of the visitors. A good mixing game was followed by a "Husband and Wife" arguing exercise; those taking part were David Rockell v. Gwenda Sutton; Louis Bernstein v. Eve Major; David Ryan v. Tonny Jansen. Joyce Hill and Stephen Jones put on a sketch "Invitations to a Feast". Nelson Hill conducted a quiz on New Zealand history. Joe Major gave the traditional tribute to Zamenhof. Generally agreed, it was an outstanding evening, which finished up with a real Christmas supper.

Programmes during 1984 were provided by Joe Major (6), Don Rogers (2), Joyce Hill (2), Nelson Hill (4), John Adcock (3), Fred Adams, Mary Richardson, Jack Daniels, Tuška Goddard, Evelyn McIntosh, Marie Daniels, Ralph Dearnley, Stephen Jones.

Visitors were: B.J. Grummel from the Netherlands, Stephen Jones, Alan Dickie, Mary Browne, Amelia MacFarlane.

Deaths: Major H.W.R. Petersen and Anton Vogt.

**1985.** Nelson Hill reported that the loss on meetings during 1984 was \$25.71, but, with the Christmas meeting donations, the net loss was just 62 cents. Therefore, the nightly subscription would remain at 50 cents. At the February meeting, the book "An Easy Sketch Album" by Bertram Potts was discussed; also members who had attended the NZEA Congress in Wellington gave their impressions.

In March 1985 it was reported that a T.V. programme on Saturday Playhouse, the chosen play "High Hopes" revolved around a group of people who spent a weekend studying Esperanto.

Two visitors to the April Rondo were Jan van Gorp from Belguim and John Boulton, Cromwell. A talk on radio by Dr. Wells in Britain had been so abridged that it was not very effective.

It was reported at the May meeting that Bertram Potts would be 90 on 25 May 1985. Members signed a card to be sent to him on the occasion. Debates in which all joined constituted the programme.

In June Ralph Dearnley read several letters from Dave MacGill in Japan. John Adcock reported

on a deputation of Don Rogers, Bill Aldridge and himself to the Department of Education, to inform them of the advantages of teaching Esperanto in schools.

Steve Moss was a contributor to the August meeting, followed by a programme by Tonny Jansen. Each person present was given the name of a well-known identity and asked to speak as he or she would normally do. Quite interesting to hear the people identified, correctly or incorrectly.

September was a "treasures" meeting, each member bringing along something and speaking about their particular "treasure." David Ryan and Don Rogers undertook to arrange for the magazine "Monato" to be delivered to the public library.

October was a debating evening, on subjects such as "Anzus", "Greenpeace and the Rainbow Warrior" and "Prison, is it a suitable Punishment?"

Visitors to the December 1985 Rondo were welcomed by Don Rogers, President of NZEA. Wine (and grape juice) and cheese were offered to the members and guests, followed by games. An impromptu sketch was presented, with Ross Moore as a marriage counsellor and Louis Bernstein and Tonny Jansen as husband and wife. Very amusing and well received.

The Karori Group presented an adaptation of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," with Tuška Goddard as Goldilocks, Jack Daniels as Father Bear and Marie Daniels as Mother Bear and Evelyn McIntosh as Baby Bear. The narrator was Joyce Hill.

Joe Major gave the traditional tribute to Dr. Zamenhof. Joyce Hill and Marie Daniels provided a party supper.

The year 1985 was an interesting one. It depended on the older reliable members as new members were not forthcoming through the Wellington Club. The Teachers' College (known now as the Wellington College of Education) registrar was of great assistance in allowing the students' common room to be used at a very low rental.

Members providing programmes during the year were: Alan Dickie (2), Joe Major (2), John Adcock (2), Nelson Hill, Jan van Gorp, Stephen Jones, Ralph Dearnley, Tonny Jansen.

Visitors were: Jan van Gorp, Belguim; John Boulton, Cromwell; Olive Looman, Palmerston North.

Deaths were: Bill Currie, aged 93; B.J. Brummels (Motor-bike accident) and Boris de Larzac.



## WHANGAREI ESPERANTO CLUB

The Whangarei Esperanto Club accepted the opportunity offered by the holding of the annual Winter Exhibition locally, to arrange and staff an information stall in order to publicise the International Language generally and to further the club interests in particular. The Exhibition was held in the large hall of the A. and P. Society, near the centre of the city, from June 22 to 26 (10am to 10.30pm), and according to newspaper reports was exceptionally well attended.

During the period, club members co-operated to invite the public, especially the friends of Esperanto, to support also the UEA Petition to the United Nations. In this way, 12 sheets each with 20 signatures were completed for dispatch to NZEA. At the same time, information relating to Esperanto and the Movement was furnished to enquirers. A supply of leaflets etc., and of textbooks was distributed or sold until exhausted.

Pleasing results of the effort were the acquisition of a dozen new members for the local club and the prospects of study circles or groups being formed in several outlying districts - at Onerahi, Waipu, Portland and Keri Keri. The Petition was signed by persons mainly resident in places between Maungaturoto and Keri Keri, Northland, although some signatories resided further afield, in Auckland, Wellington, Australia, Canada and the Netherlands.

In the spacious booth there were displayed a collection of letters, cards and calendars (indicating international correspondence), tourist brochures (government and municipal support), numerous illustrated magazines from overseas, a variety of good books including the Bible, striking posters, a flag and a chart showing the construction of Esperanto grammar with a translation. Details of the booth and its functions were twice broadcast from the local radio station, 1XN, and it is known that the broadcasts brought a number of callers for further information. Later, newspaper reports said that about 37,000 people attended the exhibition.

On June 28, members of the Dargaville and Whangarei Esperanto Clubs combined at a meeting specially arranged at Whangarei to farewell Mr. W.H. King, who also assisted at the Exhibition Display, prior to his departure overseas on July 4.

The 33rd NZEA Congress held from 8 - 12 January 1968 proved very enjoyable. It was a live-in Congress and gave great opportunity to use Esperanto. As a result of the publicity stemming from the Congress, Esperanto was taught in two schools. On March 21, twenty eight boys and girls studied Esperanto for one hour weekly in the Whangarei Intermediate School. Their teacher was Mr. E.W. Cornes, a member of the Whangarei Esperanto Club. In the Whangarei High School, Mr. W.H. King taught 18 students for ¾ hour weekly. These classes were started following invitations from the respective headmasters. One student, Warren Bell, who was taught privately by Mr. King, joined Ejanz during April.

On May 20, 1968, a Festive Gathering was organised to farewell John and Gladys Oldfield who were transferring to Auckland. A second reason for the festivities was to celebrate the completion of 50 years in the Esperanto Movement by Mr. W. King, FNZEA (Fellow of the N.Z. Esperanto Association) the Club president. 44 attended, including guests from Auckland, Dargaville, Warkworth and Whangarei. The chief speaker was Mr. A. Wiltshire, UEA Vice Chief Delegate, who spoke about the history and work of Mr. King. He then pinned a jubilee veterans star on Mr. King's jacket.

In farewelling Mr. & Mrs Oldfield, Mr. King thanked them for their loyalty and support in all the Club activities and congratulated them on their competence in the language Esperanto. With great pleasure he awarded them Life Membership of the Whangarei Club.

Mr. Arthur Steventon, then living in Warkworth, had the same honour bestowed on him for his valuable work in the early years of the Club.

A scout, Stephen Crossley, was congratulated for gaining the Scouts Badge for languages - Esperanto. Mr. Dennis Pease taught Esperanto to scout groups in Whangarei and Kamo.

The following day (May 21) Mr. & Mrs. Oldfield were speakers at the Womens Institute at Maungatapere near Whangarei. Nine members of the Whangarei Club travelled to Titoki on May 29th to encourage a small group of students who were being tutored by Mr. R.L. Tomlin. They met in the Teachers' room of the College and enjoyed hearing other esperantists speak.

The Whangarei Club also manned a Stall at the Winter Show 25th - 29th June 1968 and many helpers made an attractive display.

Zamenhof Evening. Mr. King reminded members of the worldwide celebration of Zamenhof's birthday. Amusing plays, slides etc. gave great entertainment and this was followed by the cutting of a beautifully decorated cake.

At the Winter Exhibition 24th - 28th June 1969, members from the Dargaville Esperanto Club and the Hora Hora Air Scout Group helped with the Esperanto Stand over five days. The scouts were advertising the International Scout League and the Whangarei and Dargaville Clubs

concentrated on international correspondence and literature. An automatic reply machine helped to answer questions about Esperanto. Brochures were distributed and the advertising brought five new members to the club.

At the Annual General Meeting on 8th December 1969, Mr. E.W. Cornes DBEA was elected President; Mr. W.H. King FNZEA and Mr. F.A. Tocker, Vice Presidents; Mrs. M. King DBEA, secretary; committee, Mrs. L. Green, Mr. S. Crossley and Mr. J.E. Cox.

On February 24th 1970, Mr. & Mrs. King and Janet Rogers explained about Esperanto to 26 Girl Guides following an invitation from the Guide Leader. A weekly class resulted, consisting of 12 girls and one Leader.

Early in March, the headmaster, Mr. E.W. Hall taught Esperanto to 12 girls and boys aged 10 - 12 years in the Tangowahine School, Northland. They were given one lesson per week and the Whangarei Esperanto Club helped with text books. Three children bought their own books.

Again the Whangarei Club organised a very useful Stand with the help of the Dargaville members at the Winter Exhibition 23 - 27 June 1970. Stephen Crossley propagated for the Scouts. Although the Club only gained 4 new members, a vast number of people saw the Stand. This has proved a very effective way of advertising Esperanto.

On the 8th April 1970 several members of the Whangarei Esperanto Club travelled to Dargaville to discuss the proposal to establish a Northland Branch of NZEA with those Esperantists. The offer was fully explored and two points of view presented: that Esperantists in Northland be invited to support the action to establish (1) a section in the framework of the Auckland Branch (when organised) or (2) a separate Northland Branch which would accept as members, Esperantists from Warkworth northwards. The meeting accepted a proposal from Mr. W.H. King to prepare a Northland address list as a working base, and after completion send out suitable circulars to those concerned. Later at the NZEA Congress, the suggestion of Branches was vetoed.

Hora Hora School. Mr. F.A. Tocker FNZEA was invited by the Headmaster to give a weekly Esperanto lesson to 35 children in Class 4 commencing on 15th April. This was a new school to introduce the teaching of Esperanto.

Plena Ilustrita Vortaro. (A Fully Illustrated Dictionary). A copy of this new publication reached Whangarei, and Mr. King loaned it to a professional reporter to review it. Although not an esperantist, the reporter wrote an excellent 6 inch column favourably reviewing the dictionary.

Late in February, Mr. King spoke to the local Jaycee Group about Esperanto and its possibilities. They showed that they fully appreciated the problem of international understanding. Mr. Don Cornes gave a talk to local members of the Round Table on 6th April. He replied to questions about Esperanto and the Movement.

Mr. Dennis Pease DBEA returned from overseas on 19th April after two years away. He went on a working holiday and spent most of his time in England and Germany. He attended the Universal Congress in Vienna and represented NZEA. The following year he enjoyed the British Congress at Harrogate.

Annual General Meeting was held on 6th December. The Club had met regularly throughout the year and supported Esperanto by having an Information Table at the Winter Exhibition. The members had visited the Club at Dargaville, and spoken at Clubs who were not esperantists. One of the members had taught a class of boys and girls at St. Joseph's School. In total 35 lessons had been given to 45 girls and boys and to one nun.

Janet Rogers returned to Whangarei from Invercargill on 12th December. Zamenhof Celebration was on 13th December, and Mrs. Joyce Goodwin from Dargaville took part in the festivities.

Mr. W.H. King passed away very suddenly on 24th January 1972. Mrs King later went to stay with her daughter in Rotorua. Mr. E.W. Cornes became President of the Club and Mrs. J.C. Rogers was the Secretary. The name of the Club was changed to "Whangarei International Language Club". Mr. D.B. Pease was the Club Delegate to NZEA. Mrs Rogers took over the task of teaching at St. Joseph's Convent, thus making certain that Esperanto was still being taught in that school.

Scouts of the Hora Hora (Whangarei) Group were preparing to take part in the 14th World Scout Jamboree at Lillehammer, Norway in 1975. They were raising funds, but also learning Esperanto to overcome the language barrier. Classes were held every Monday in conjunction with the Whangarei Club and were taught by Mr. Dennis Pease. The scouts were trying to get in touch with scouts who would be attending the jamboree in order to correspond with them during the following three years, and meet them at the jamboree. Several World Friendship Badges and possibly International Badges could be gained. The names of the boys who took part are in the early part of this book (page 28.)

In 1973 Margaret King returned to Whangarei and the name of the Club became once again "Whangarei Esperanto Club". Officers for the year were President Mr. E.W. Cornes; Vice President Mr. D.B. Pease; Secretary Mrs. M. King; Treasurer Mrs. Joan McNab. The year commenced with 12 members, and 4 beginners. Unfortunately the class at St. Joseph's Convent had to cease - the teachers wanted the children to learn French.

Once again the Whangarei Club had a Stall at the Winter Exhibition and gave out brochures etc. Miss Sandra Small taught 6 boys and girls at Kamo Intermediate. Dennis Pease showed slides of his voyage overseas. Two reports about Esperanto appeared in the daily newspaper, and Mrs. King was interviewed by Radio 1XN Northland. Unfortunately for the Club, Mrs. Joan McNab moved to New Plymouth where she hoped to contact Esperantists.

There were 2 new members in 1974. The Club decided not to have a Stand at the Winter Exhibition as the results were disappointing the previous year and not worth the expense.

There were 2 overseas visitors, Mrs. M. Proctor from England and Mrs. Jenica Dunnewald.

On March 23rd 1975, a "Come Alive Campaign" was held. The Club was given a large space at the High School at Tikipunga, suburb of Whangarei. The members demonstrated the language and even persuaded some who were interested to say a few words in Esperanto. Quite a lot of interest was shown in the Stand.

1976. Mr. John Walton and Mrs. M. King were married on 2nd April amidst Greetings and Congratulations.

A Regional Meeting arranged for 3rd April 1982 was held in the home of John and Margaret Walton when 20 esperantists from Auckland, Hamilton and Whangarei enjoyed a full day's programme. Mr. & Mrs. Walton welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Audrey Wood, President of the Auckland Esperanto Society, replied. Mr. Fred Wood organised the programme which included plays, discussions, charades, short talks and singing. The Whangarei members were congratulated on acting a play they had written themselves. At 5pm Mrs. Wood thanked the Whangarei members for hosting the group in such a "princely" manner and closed the gathering. 21 members went to a restaurant for dinner, and afterwards returned to Auckland.

Again in 1983, the Auckland and Whangarei arranged a Regional Meeting at Whangarei in the home of John and Margaret Walton. This was held on Saturday 26th March and proved just as enjoyable as previous ones and was a benefit to both Clubs.

In 1984 another memorable Regional Meeting was held on Saturday March 31st when 21 Esperantists from Auckland and Mrs. J. Rolt from Hamilton travelled to Whangarei. Mrs. E. Lymburn in her talk, emphasised the necessity to read books by Esperantists who have a good style in order to improve one's own style. Another item worthy of mention was a half hour play translated by Mrs. Audrey Wood - the actresses were Interclub: Margaret Walton, Whangarei, Audrey Wood, Rita Aagaard and Jo Knight from Auckland, and Mrs. Joan Rolt from Hamilton. It was a very interesting and informative day spent with Esperantists.

The Regional Meeting at Mr. & Mrs. Walton's home became an annual event and was held on March 2nd 1985. This meeting was welcomed each year by both Clubs when lively discussions took place, and the Whangarei members were so kind and generous in supplying the meals. The day's activities closed with a visit to a local restaurant for dinner.

#### Marriages over the years were:-

Margaret Morrison and Bill King	August 14th 1966
Margaret King and John Walton	April 2nd 1976
Joan McNab and Glen Campbell	August 28th 1982

#### Deaths were:-

Francis Alfred Tocker	July 27th 1971
William Hudson King	January 24th 1972
Jack Oldfield	November 21st 1982
Dorothy Tocker	July 28th 1984
Nicholas Clarich	August 2nd 1986.

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**NZEA TEACHERS' ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION**  
**AND**  
**NZEA EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT.**

Officers of the NZEA Teachers' Esperanto Association for 1964 were: President, Mr. E.V. Warren; Vice President, Mr. G.H. Tunncliffe; Secretary/treasurer, Mr. D. Fearon; Committee, Mrs. M. McElwee, Mrs. L. Wills and Dr. C.J. Adcock.

A Three - Day Teachers Course was held from 27 - 29 January 1964 at the Polytechnic, Wellington, when Mr. Bertram Potts was the Lecturer. Advertisements had been placed in "National Education" and the "Education Gazette." Mr. Potts also addressed students at the Teachers' Training College, Wellington, when a number of students became members of the NZEA Teachers' Esperanto Association. At that time, 22 teachers had been teaching Esperanto to more than 1000 children. Articles about Esperanto in the "Junior Digest" proved to be interesting to children, and it was hoped that sales of this magazine would increase with the increased interest shown in Esperanto.

Mr. D. Fearon, secretary/treasurer of the Teachers' Association was awarded a teacher exchange, and left New Zealand to take up his teaching appointment in England. This was a great loss for Esperanto in New Zealand.

Mr. David MacGill, the Education Officer for NZEA continued to prepare course material and teaching aids for teachers. A circular was sent out to all schools asking for information as to whether Esperanto was being taught in their school, and if so, how many children were involved, for how long, and whether it was a hobby course or part of the school curriculum. 120 questionnaires were sent out with only 21 replies. In 1967, 12 schools were teaching Esperanto to 800 children, of which 421 were girls.

The schools included one Teachers' College, two Colleges with active clubs, and one College in which Esperanto was an integral part of the school curriculum. The remainder were Primary and Intermediate schools. Mr. Tunncliffe, Headmaster of Hawera Intermediate School where Esperanto had been taught for the previous 7 years, in his reply wrote that he was still convinced in the value of Esperanto. The top classes in Form 1 were taking Esperanto, but Form 2 were obliged to take French. It was believed that officially approved examinations would greatly help all schools wishing to teach Esperanto.

Evans Bay Intermediate School, Wellington, was regarded as a show-case. At the Break-up Concert, Esperanto classes presented songs, sketches and responses to questions in a slide-tape presentation. The report was that this would have done credit to adults in any of the clubs.

In the report for 1968, the N.Z. Teachers' Esperanto Association were functioning in an informal manner, and it was recommended that officers be elected at the next Congress. Reliable statistics were difficult to obtain, but there was evidence of increased activity in 31 schools against 12 the previous year. 19 of these were clubs or hobby classes.

Two very promising clubs functioned in Teachers' Colleges; North Shore and Christchurch. Clubs in five Intermediates, six Primary schools and two Secondary schools introduced the language to 138, 123 and 24 pupils respectively, a total of 285. Estimates were lacking from five Primary schools, one Intermediate and three Colleges at which clubs are known to have been active. One Intermediate School taught Esperanto to Form 1 for only one term.

**N.Z.E.A. Examination:** The secretary wrote to the Department of Education in an effort to obtain approval for the examination, initiated by Ejanz, for which free accommodation and fees at the annual congress were offered as a prize. Approval was refused because "it would not be appropriate for the Department to sanction a competition which would require the teaching in State schools of a subject which was not part of the official school curriculum." Accordingly the matter was referred to individual Head Teachers, and it became obvious that if the examination was available, many would be prepared to make use of it or allow it to be used under the circumstances already applying to Esperanto in their schools.

Following the above refusal the secretary met the Director of Primary Education, Mr. Brian Pinder, and the Senior Inspector of Primary Schools, Mr. H.M. McMillan for an informal discussion. In the Department's view Esperanto was an approved extra-curricular activity, and at that level quite welcome, but was not considered for adoption into the curriculum, and there was no intention of considering it.

There had been no direct contact with the Post-Primary division of the Department, but the secretary wrote to the Minister in September 1967 and received the following reply.

"The Principal of a Secondary School may, if he thinks fit, establish a course in Esperanto as an option in his school. At present, however, secondary schools appear to have little interest in the language, and, until this situation changes, the question of the claims of Esperanto to be considered as an examination subject hardly arises. There is, of course, no discrimination

against Esperanto. The case for inclusion of Esperanto as an examination subject would be considered on its merits if the occasion should arise."

**Course for Teachers:** The annual intensive course for teachers was re-introduced in January 1968 and advertised in the "Education Gazette" and in both official journals of teachers' organisations. Circulars were sent to all schools in the Wellington area. There were 12 enrolments. Mr. Bertram Potts was the tutor, using "The Esperanto Teacher" (Mason Stuttart) as a course text book. The secretary arranged for a display of textbooks and other Esperanto material, and organised two evening sessions during which teaching aids and teaching methods were demonstrated, to supplement the work of Mr. Potts.

All teachers appeared to enjoy the experience; two subsequently introduced the subject in Monrad Intermediate, Palmerston North, on an equal footing with French, for four classes; one teacher produced that year's examination prize winners through his work at Awahou South country school, and one teacher was able to add two additional classes to those taking the subject at Evans Bay Intermediate, Wellington. Two were post-primary school teachers and two were heads of the Junior School. Contact with all course members was maintained during the year. The course received both press and radio publicity and a similar course was planned for 1969.

**Membership:** In an effort to promote a higher membership and to hold interest, the secretary wrote more than 100 individual letters to teachers during 1968; issued two bulletins, each to an address list of 150; issued 36 copies of "Al la Savo"; and posted a circular to all schools in the Marlborough area drawing attention to that congress and to the 1969 intensive course. The secretary wrote twice to the Scout Association of New Zealand with information about opportunities for Scouts to learn Esperanto, and offering to arrange special courses at leadership level. An advertisement was published regularly in "National Education".

At the N.Z.E.A. Congress, January 1969, the following decisions were made:-

1. That the teaching section of NZEA become a separate association, affiliated to NZEA.
2. That the name of the Association be The N.Z. Association of Esperanto Teachers
3. That the Association also affiliate to The International League of Esperanto Teachers.
4. That there be two categories of members:

(a) Professional Teachers.

(b) Any other person who teaches Esperanto in a club or group and only the (a) group have voting rights.

5. That Officers and Committee members be elected. These were:-

President

Miss E.E. Stephens

Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. F. Fleming

Committee Members

Miss M. Wildey

Mr. W. H. King

Mr. W. Hall

Miss E. McGifford

Mrs. J. Wilson

Mr. D. MacGill

Prof. C.J. Adcock

**Secondary School Esperanto, Book 1**, a text book by Markarian, was considered to be a basis for a Course beginning in Standard 4 or Form 1, and then moving through to School Certificate level. Book 2 was expected later in the year.

NZEA Education Officer, Mr. D. MacGill had produced a pronunciation record, "Esperanto, a Complete Guide to Pronunciation." This appeared on the commercial market complete with an attractive accompanying booklet. Several schools immediately made use of it, and it was welcomed in Japan, Australia as well as New Zealand.

There was an extraordinary rise in the number of entries for the school examination for Primary and Intermediate as well as Secondary School. Certificates were awarded to those gaining 40% or more in Primary Schools, and 65% in Secondary Schools. A free holiday at the Ejanz Camp was awarded to those gaining top marks.

**Officers:** Miss E. Stephens was President from 1969 to 1971 inclusive, and Mrs. J. Wilson secretary. Owing to illness, Miss Stephens then found it necessary to resign.

In 1972 Mr. P. Walker became President with Mrs. J. Wilson as Secretary/treasurer.

From 1973 - 1978, Prof. C.J. Adcock was President.

Secretaries were Mrs. J. Wilson 1972; Miss A. Pollok 1973; Mrs. Irene MacGill 1974; Mrs. G. Sutton 1975 - 1978. In 1978 an Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Moriarty was appointed.

Treasurers: Mrs. J. Wilson 1972; Mrs. M. Richardson 1973; Mrs. I. MacGill 1974; Mrs. M. McAvinue 1975 and 1976; Mrs. J. Paulin 1977 and 1978.

Editors: Mr. S. MacGill 1972 - 1975; Mr. D. MacGill 1976; Mrs. G. Sutton 1977 and 1978.

Stefan MacGill originated the "Pink Pages" which were distributed to members of NZAET as well as to members of EJANZ. These pages being pink were easily located amongst other papers. When the ONE YEAR SCHEME was introduced in a few schools, some of the content complemented these lessons. This was mainly expression work, question and answer, puzzles etc.

The tremendous work done by Stefan in creating, trialing, revising and retesting all the material in the scheme is worth recording, especially as both versions were printed by the Government printer.

Over this period Mr. Stefan MacGill produced a small magazine called "Fonto". He edited numbers 1 - 7 and 9 - 21. His father, David (Daĉjo) MacGill was guest editor for number 8 and in 1976 when Stefan went overseas, became editor, editing numbers 22, 23 and 24. David did the actual printing of all 24 issues using his own equipment. When Daĉjo retired and went to live in Japan, no-one was prepared to be editor.

Without David's printing skills, it would have been too expensive to continue with the same format. In 1977 and 1978, Mrs. Gwenda Sutton edited an inexpensive newsletter with a similar content.

The work for Esperanto contributed by Mr. David MacGill over the years was summarised in the "N.Z. Esperantist" No.395, 1977 when he retired and left New Zealand to live in Japan. Much has been written in W.H. King's book, "The History of Esperanto in New Zealand 1904 - 1963", but it could be helpful to have a summary of his work at this time.

David (Daĉjo) first learnt Esperanto in 1938 at the time that he was attending the Auckland University. He joined the Auckland Esperanto Society and took part in all its activities, one of them being to help his mother form a choir.

David moved to Wellington in 1941 and immediately took an active part in the Wellington Club and NZEA. He edited the "Bulletin" in 1960 - 1961 and attended the Wellington Rondo where he provided many interesting programmes. He lived for many years in Pinehaven near Silverstream and did a great deal for the Esperanto Movement in the Hutt Valley. In 1952 he taught a class at the Construction camp at Haywards and in the late 1950's and early 1960's he was the main teacher at the Trentham Club.

David's activities in NZEA were varied. In 1943 he was a member of the Drama committee. He was Congress secretary at the 16th and 17th Congresses. From 1951 to 1953 he was manager of the Book Department. He was a member of NZEA Executive for many many years and helped wherever it was needed. He was always ready to provide a programme at Congresses, and because of that, he was remembered for his work as Education Officer over a long period. That office he held first in 1953 and retained it until 1974. Almost every spare moment was devoted to education activities - the typewriter, tape recorder, gestetner were used until all hours of the night. This is a list of some of his work:- a teacher for the Correspondence Course; prepared Courses for teachers in the schools; prepared films, tapes and film strips for schools and special groups; acquired material for the Teachers Association, prepared examination papers for school children and marked the papers and helped in the preparation of tapes showing the correct Esperanto pronunciation.

Even that was not the extent of his interests. Being young at heart, he enthusiastically supported EJANZ and helped in the organisation of the annual camps. He was interviewed many times by reporters of magazines and on radio and he was often called on to lecture to various groups. He was the author of high quality plays and literature which he recorded on tape. He was also a committee member of the N.Z. Esperanto Science Association.

N.Z. Esperanto Association expressed heartfelt appreciation for his contribution to Esperanto in New Zealand.

Mr. W. Aldridge DBEA was appointed Acting President during Prof. Adcock's absence overseas during the second half of the year.

It was announced in the Newsletter, April 1977 that Blank Cassettes were obtainable for use in schools from Regional Stores Manager, Department of Education, P.O. Box 12345, Wellington. The application had to be signed by the Principal of the School.

In Kaitia Mrs. P. Scahill was teaching Esperanto while acting as a relieving teacher in Term 2. The Principal invited her to continue teaching Esperanto in Term 3.

The Hocken Library, University of Otago, The Alexander Turnbull Library and the University of Auckland Library all requested copies of the Teachers Association Newsletter.

Mr. D. MacGill knew of a school in Japan who wished to correspond with a school in New



Zealand on a group basis. There were other overseas schools who wished to correspond with children in New Zealand schools.

N.Z. Language Teachers Association Conference was held in Christchurch at Canterbury University, May 10th - 13th 1978. There was a Display of Esperanto books, magazines, cassettes, and teaching aids. A film about New Zealand obtained from the National Film Unit was shown with Esperanto commentary spoken by Michael Leon.

At the Annual General Meeting of the N.Z.A.E.T. during the 1979 Congress, in the absence overseas of the President, Prof. C.J. Adcock, Mrs. G. Sutton chaired the meeting. As no-one was willing to accept office as secretary or treasurer, the group went into recess. The remaining money was transferred to NZEA.

At the Congress in Wellington in 1976, Prof. C.J. Adcock was appointed Education Officer for NZEA and continued in that office until his death. He continued meeting with influential people in the Education Department and elsewhere with the aim to have Esperanto accepted as a School Certificate subject. He wrote to people who had been members of the Teachers' Association to renew their interest, but received few replies. Prof. Adcock was still working for Esperanto to be accepted as part of the curriculum for schools. The United Nations Association wrote to the Department of Education recommending that Esperanto be included in the school syllabus, and Prof. Adcock immediately wrote in support. However, the Professor received a polite but firm reply saying that the Department had no plans to do so.

Prof. John Adcock, however had some success. Following a two-hour interview with the Director of the Community Institute of the Wellington High Schools, the Director consented to a short Course starting on 23rd February. John recommended that a description of the details of the Course be included in the programme.

At the NZEA Congress in 1981, a sub-committee was formed to carry on working for Esperanto in schools. It was suggested that there be one representative from Auckland and one from Christchurch and three from Wellington. The Wellington members were Prof. C.J. Adcock. Mr. W. Aldridge and Mr. F. Fleming. This committee met from time to time. It was proposed that there be a Diploma issued for qualified teachers in Esperanto. It was decided to discontinue the N.Z. Preparatory Examination and that the Yvon Canty prize be discontinued.

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## N.Z. INSTITUTE OF ESPERANTO & CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

During 1970, the Executive approved the Statute of the N.Z. Institute of Esperanto (NZIE). Some of the aims were to organise a Correspondence Course, arrange tutors, supply speakers for Congresses and generally improve the level of Esperanto knowledge. The foundation members were:- Mrs. C.M. Larsen, Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Miss E. Stephens, Miss E. Espiner, Mr. B. Potts, Mr. W.F. Rolt and Mr. D. Langman.

In 1971, information about Esperanto was sent to 56 enquirers. An advertisement in the "Listener" brought 24, and the "Weekly News" 27. 5000 calendars were printed costing \$42.50, half of which was paid by Mr. Frank Swift. The tutors for 1971 were Mrs. Rita Aagaard, Mrs. Y.M. Canty, Miss E. Espiner, Miss E. Stephens, Mr. J. Baker, Mr. C. Brown, Mr. R. Clarkson, Mr. F. Hume, Mr. D. Langman, Mr. R. Morgan and Mr. A. Wiltshire.

In 1973 Mr. Jim Baker took over the Administration from Mrs. Larsen.

In November 1977, Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood accepted the responsibility to act as Directors of the Institute. The previous Director, Mr. Baker, because of pressure of other commitments was unable to continue and had been trying for some time to be relieved of the office. Although somewhat over committed, Mr. & Mrs. Wood accepted the office to try to ensure that the Correspondence Courses would continue. However they made it clear that this was only a temporary acceptance until someone else could be found.

In 1979, Mr. & Mrs. Wood advised that they were unable to continue in the office. It was decided to circularize the members to decide the future of the Institute. It was decided to disband the N.Z. Institute of Esperanto and create a Correspondence Course Division to take over the function of the Institute. Mr. & Mrs. Wood were given the task of administering the Correspondence Courses. Attempts would be made to find a Language Sub-committee who would give advice on language matters. Mr. & Mrs. Wood continued to administer the Correspondence Courses until Miss Stephanie May took over the responsibility on 1st October 1984.

## ESPERANTO JUNULARA ASSOCIO NEW ZEALAND

## ESPERANTO YOUTH ASSOCIATION, NEW ZEALAND

EJANZ was a young group existing to foster the study and spread of Esperanto among the young people of New Zealand, and was affiliated to the World Organisation of young Esperantists (TEJO.) EJANZ, like TEJO is neutral with regard to nationality, politics, religion and social problems. Since its inception in 1965, EJANZ has in effect replaced the junior membership category of the New Zealand Esperanto Association, of which, however, it remains an integral part.

EJANZ activities included hikes, camps, an annual Congress, the production of teaching aids and similar material for schools, groups and individuals as well as taking an active part in the growth of the Esperanto Movement of New Zealand. Members received the bi-monthly magazine "Junularo" in addition to "The New Zealand Esperantist."

The new group EJANZ met at the NZEA Congress at Massey University on 6th January 1966. They submitted their rules to the NZEA Congress which were approved, and affiliated to NZEA. They were to receive "The New Zealand Esperantist", the official magazine of NZEA. The secretary was Mr. A. (Tony) Richardson. They were a very active group, erecting posters, ran a raffle to raise funds and conducted their own language sessions and amusements etc. During the first year their membership increased from 13 to 29, 6 of whom were adults who wished to show their support to the Youth Movement. The age limit was 25 years and under. During 1966, 5 editions of their magazine "Junularo" were produced. Poems, stories etc. were mostly written in esperanto, but there were also helps for new learners of esperanto.

During the year, EJANZ became affiliated to TEJO. One of their plans during 1967 was to write to schools where Esperanto was being taught to let students know about EJANZ. Six numbers of "Junularo" were published in 1967

Officers for 1968 were, President, Miss Irene Watts; Vice President, Mr. Michael Tucker; secretary/treasurer, Mr. Donald Bruce; Editor, "Junularo," Mr. Stefan MacGill and "Tejo" representative, Mr. Tony Richardson. Contact officer, Mr. Roger Blackley and Publicity officer, Mr. Stephen Brewster. Membership rose from 32 to 64 and 6 numbers of "Junularo" were published with a section of simple stories and grammatical points for schools.

After much hard work, other small books were published commencing with "Al la Savo kaj Aliaj Rakontoj" followed by "La Domo kun Oraj Fenestroj." In the "Junularo" appeared stories such as "Bonepart" and "Zak." An EJANZ member in Christchurch started a group at the Christchurch Teachers College and supplied teaching aids for classes. Picnics were organised at Christchurch and a coloured film was made. EJANZ members decided to hold their Congress at the same time as the adult Congress and organised an Open Day for adults. EJANZ members interchanged magazines and information with other countries.

A full page publicity was given to EJANZ by the N.Z. Women's Weekly, and there were two TV interviews. In Whangarei, Christchurch and Dunedin photos of EJANZ members appeared in daily papers. The members had worked hard to make it a successful year.

1969. 900 copies of "Al la Savo" had been sold and "Domo kun Oraj Fenestroj" had proved a best seller, with 50 copies sold in Australia. At Masterton and Pahiatua, college clubs had been organised by EJANZ members. The first EJANZ camp had been held at Awahou where a Leadership Training Course was held and four days of discussion. Other camps were held the week prior to the NZEA Congress.

In 1972 there was a weekend at Woodend held on 26 - 27 February when 3 North Islanders intended making the trip as well as those from Christchurch and Dunedin. Other projected happenings were: Wellington-Masterton-Palmerston North Rondo in the May holidays; Pelorus Bridge Meeting in August.

Miss Rowena MacGill was married in January and was now Mrs. Rowena Miyazaki.

At the Christchurch Congress held from 4th to 8th January 1975, Mr. Victor MacGill was elected President of EJANZ. This enthusiastic group continued converting the young to Esperanto, and aiding the teaching of Esperanto in schools, but gradually they became adults with other commitments. Mr. Tony Richardson resigned in order to continue his studies and another of the chief organisers, Mr. Stefan MacGill agreed to be Education Officer for NZEA during 1975. He advised those teaching Esperanto that EJANZ teaching publications were free to those teachers. Stefan had written a new small book dealing with "Twenty two Teaching Points" in which were exercises for classes and clubs.

Regrettably at the Congress at Heretaunga 5th - 9th January 1980, EJANZ officially ceased to function.

# NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS

## WHERE ESPERANTO HAS BEEN TAUGHT

### AUCKLAND

Flat Bush Primary School, Otara  
Northcote Intermediate  
Rangeview Intermediate  
Remuera Intermediate  
Rutherford High School, Te Atatu  
St. Peters College

### CHRISTCHURCH

Canterbury University  
Chisnallwood Intermediate  
Darfield High  
Kirkwood Intermediate  
Manning Intermediate  
Pleasant Point  
St. Albans Intermediate

### DUNEDIN

Balmacewan Intermediate  
John McGlashan School-for-Boys  
Kings College  
Macandrew Intermediate  
Maori Hill School  
Moreau College  
Polytechnic College  
Queens College  
St. Clair Primary School

### HAMILTON

Fairfield Intermediate  
Melville Intermediate

### HASTINGS

Hastings Boys' High School  
Karamu High School  
Kolenso High School

### HAURAKI PLAINS

Hauraki Plains College

### HAWERA

Hawera Intermediate

### HUTT VALLEY

Heretaunga College  
Hutt Valley High School  
Sacred Heart, Lower Hutt  
Upper-Hutt Intermediate *Fergusson Intermediate*

### KAITIAIA

Kaitiaia Intermediate

### NAPIER

Sacred Heart Napier

### NEW PLYMOUTH

Bell Block

### PALMERSTON NORTH

Colyton School  
Freyberg High School  
Palmerston North Intermediate  
Ross Intermediate  
St. Josephs Intermediate

### WANGANUI

*Fergusson Intermediate*  
Rutherford High School  
Wanganui Boys College  
Wanganui Girls College  
Wanganui High School



## WELLINGTON

Evans Bay Intermediate

Karori Teachers College

Rongotai College

✓ Rosmore House

Wellington Teachers College

## WHANGAREI

Hora Hora School

Kamo Intermediate

St. Joseph's School

Tangowahine School

Whangarei High School

Whangarei Intermediate

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## LENDING LIBRARY FOR SCHOOLS

At the 50th NZEA Congress in January 1985, it was decided to have a collection of suitable Esperanto books for a Library for the use of teachers who would be taking Esperanto classes in the schools. Mrs. R. Aagaard, Mrs. G. Sutton and Mrs. M. Browne were appointed to make a list of suitable books.

At the Executive Meeting in February, Mrs. M. Browne was appointed School Book Collection Administrator. A library of Miss Merle Wildey's books were sent to Mrs. Browne by Mrs. E. Allen from the Dunedin Club for this purpose.

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## NEW ZEALAND ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION BOOK DEPARTMENT.

In 1964 the Book Department transferred to Auckland, and Mrs. C.M. Larsen continued as Administrator. She had 3 assistants, Mrs. L. Bruce, Christchurch, Mr. J. Lawson, Lower Hutt, and Mr. D. MacGill who kept a supply of books for local needs. Mrs. Larsen always kept a good supply of books and gave prompt service to mail orders. When unable to attend a Congress, she always made sure that a supply of books was at the Congress, and on most occasions she herself was on the book stall. Mrs. Larsen sent parcels of books to clubs for Book Nights, answered queries and expeditiously completed orders.

In December 1972, Mrs. Larsen resigned as Administrator after 13 years, and the Association was most grateful for her loyal service over a long period.

In 1973 at the 38th NZEA Congress in Masterton, Mr. Ewen Parsons became Manager, and continued until September 1975 when he had to resign owing to pressure of work. The Association expressed their appreciation to both Mr. & Mrs. Parsons for their valuable contribution.

Mr. C. Brown of Christchurch was appointed Manager in October 1975 assisted by Mrs. L. Bruce. They continued until ill health made it necessary for Mr. Brown to resign in June 1977. During his administration, Bronĉjo expanded into a new field, that of second hand books. Luĉia and Bronĉjo capably served two Congresses, (Wellington and Auckland) completed orders and did good work.

Major H.W.R. Petersen took over the Book Department from July 1st 1977 and was a very competent administrator. He had a great knowledge of literature and had been a great reader of Esperanto books. Major Petersen continued until illness forced him to resign in August 1983. Major Petersen served Esperanto well in all spheres of administration.

Mr. Roy Curtis was persuaded to manage the Book Department until a new administrator could be found. The Association was fortunate that Mrs. Colleen Larsen, a previous manager of the Book Dept. was ready to sell Esperanto books in her shop, "Hermes Books" in Havelock North. She took over the Book Department in April 1984. All the members appreciated Mr. Curtis's help in maintaining the Book Department in the interim.

## NEW ZEALAND ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

A large collection of esperanto books had been donated or testamentated to NZEA over a number of years and these were held by Mrs. C. Larsen in the early 1960's when she was administrator of the Book Department, and later Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Wood displayed them in their home for 15 - 20 years for esperantists to view. In 1988, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wood gave them to NZEA Executive, and they are now held in the Waikato Public Library. Mr. A. Richardson, the Director, is an esperantist.

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### 'NEW ZEALAND ESPERANTIST.'

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The "New Zealand Esperantist" is the official organ of the New Zealand Esperanto Association. Mr. Bertram Potts who had been editor for almost 20 years resigned at the end of 1963, and it proved very difficult to replace him. He had been a professional journalist, and invaluable to the Movement, and of course the magazine was one of the best. An expression of deep gratitude was made to Mr. Potts. Mr. Potts still reviewed books in the magazine.

It was decided to form an Editorial committee in 1964 which included Mr. D. MacGill and Mrs. Mary Richardson. In 1965, Mrs. E. Thorpe was appointed Convenor, but she was forced to resign at the end of the year. Her work and that of her husband was much appreciated. Meanwhile, Mary Richardson and Dave MacGill still had the responsibility of publishing the magazine, and according to the report earlier in this book, they had their moments. On one occasion, Mrs. Canty and Mr. J. Stancliffe were asked for contributions of literature to be included in the magazine.

In 1969, it was great news when Mr. A.(Tony) Richardson volunteered to be Editor, and he had some new ideas and did good work until early 1972 when he resigned in order to give more time to his studies. He gave unstinting and invaluable service to Esperanto over that period.

A new Editor, Major H.W.R. Petersen continued from No. 363, 2/1972 and was officially appointed Editor at the 38th Congress in Masterton in January 1973. Pete encouraged the members to send in reports from clubs for the magazine and this was of real interest for our New Zealand Esperantists. Pete was very gifted and continued working for Esperanto even when ill.

Finally, in April 1984, Pete passed away, leaving behind a great example of devoted service. Over that period the magazine was the history of Esperanto in New Zealand.

Until other arrangements could be made, Mary Richardson and Fred Adams edited the magazine until December 1984. In the meantime efforts were made to find a new editor. Mr. Joe Major, a very fine Esperantist volunteered, and he started in January 1985. As a new editor, he also made changes in the style and content, but it was sad to see that news from clubs gradually disappeared.

### NEW ZEALAND ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION

#### HANDBOOK

In 1970 the New Zealand Esperanto Association decided to print a Handbook which would give full information about the Association, the aims, Courses, Affiliated Clubs, the names of all New Zealand members and the rules.

These booklets were updated approximately every two years.

# **N.Z. ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION CONGRESSES AND OFFICERS**

**1964 - 1985**

**The 29th N.Z. Esperanto Association Congress was held in the WEA Rooms, 248 Lambton Quay, Wellington, from 28th December 1963 to 1st January 1964.**

President	Dr. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
General Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson
Assist. Secretary	Mrs. P. Bell
Treasurer	Mr. W.T. May
Exec. Committee	Mr. D. MacGill and Mr. G.H. Wilson
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Information Officer	Mrs. B. Harvey
Circulation Officer	Mr. J. Lawson

**The 30th N.Z. Esperanto Association Congress was held in the YWCA Hall, Madras St., Christchurch from 28th December 1964 - 1st January 1965.**

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
General Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. P. Bell
Treasurer	Mrs. E. Thorpe
Exec. Committee	Mr. D. MacGill and Mr. G.H. Wilson
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Information Officer	Mrs. B. Harvey
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery.

**31st NZEA Congress held at Massey University, Palmerston North 6 - 10 January 1966.**

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
General Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. P. Bell
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mr. D. MacGill and Mr. G.H. Wilson
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Information Officer	Mrs. B. Harvey
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery

**32nd NZEA Congress held at Aquinas Hall, University of Otago, Dunedin 3 - 7 January 1967.**

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
General Secretary	Mrs. P. Bell
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mrs. E. Thorpe and Mr. G.H. Wilson
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Information Officer	Mrs. L. Bruce
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood



### 33rd NZEA Congress held at Whangarei Girls' High School, Whangarei, 8 - 12 January 1968.

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
General Secretary	Mrs. P. Bell
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Miss A. Bray
Information Officer	Mrs. L. Bruce
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery.
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

### 34th NZEA Congress, Innes House, Marlborough College, Blenheim, 2 - 6 January 1969.

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary/Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Asst. " "	Miss A. Bray
Exec. Committee	Mr. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. Bell
Information Officer	Mrs. L. Bruce
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

### 35th NZEA Congress, Hewitt House, Napier Girls' High School, Napier, 3 - 7 January 1970.

President	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mrs. N. Montgomery and Mr. J.T. Allan
Information Officer	Mrs. L. Bruce
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

### 36th NZEA Congress, Rocklands Hall, Epsom, Auckland, 8 - 12 January 1971

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mrs. N. Montgomery and Mr. A. Richardson
Information Officer	Mrs. L. Bruce
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

### 37th NZEA Congress, YWCA Willis Street, Wellington, 6 - 10 January 1972.

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mrs. N. Montgomery and Miss M. Hamlin
Information Officer	Mr. D. Pease
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

**38th NZEA Congress, St. Matthews Collegiate School for Girls, Masterton, 4 - 8 January 1973.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Miss A. Pollok and Miss M. Hamlin
Information Officer	Mr. D. Pease
Education Officer	Mr. D. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery

**39th NZEA Congress, College House, Purnell Street, Wanganui, 4 - 8 January 1974.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mrs. G. Sutton and Mr. M. Leon
Information Officer	Mr. D. Pease
Education Officer	Mr. S. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. A. Richardson

**40th NZEA Congress, Te Kaihanga Hostel, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, 4 - 8 January 1975.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. D. Raynor
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Major H.W.R. Petersen and Miss A. Pollok
Information Officer	Mr. D. Rockell
Education Officer	Mr. S. MacGill
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

**41st NZEA Congress, Y.W.C.A., Willis Street, Wellington, 1 - 3 January 1976.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. D. Raynor
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. D. Rockell
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

**42nd NZEA Congress, Grafton Hall, Auckland, 4 - 8 January 1977.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. D. Raynor
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. MacGill
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Wansbrough
Exec. Committee	Mrs. M. Richardson and Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. D. Rockell
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson

**43rd NZEA Congress, Massey University, Palmerston North, 17 - 21 January 1978.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. D. Raynor
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. Rockell
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Wansbrough
Exec. Committee	Mrs. M. Richardson and Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. D. Rockell
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. M. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson

**44th NZEA Congress, St. Matthews Collegiate School, Masterton, 10 - 14 January 1979.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. D. Raynor
Asst. Secretary	Mr. D. Rockell (after June Mr. F. Adams)
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Wansbrough
Exec. Committee	Mrs. M. Richardson and Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. D. Rockell (resigned in June)
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

**45th NZEA Congress, Central Institute of Technology, Heretaunga, 5 - 9 January 1980.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. D. Raynor
Asst. Secretary	Mr. F. Adams
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Wansbrough
Exec. Committee	Mrs. M. Richardson and Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. M. Leon
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. M. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F. Wood

**46th NZEA Congress, Society of Friends Hall, Moncrieff St., Wellington, 9 - 10 January 1981.**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. F. Adams
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Wansbrough
Exec. Committee	Mrs. N. Montgomery and Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. M. Leon
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

**47th NZEA Congress, Te Kaihanga Hostel, Riccarton, Christchurch, 6 - 10 January 1982**

President	Mr. J.T. Allan
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mrs. M. Richardson
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Wansbrough
Exec. Committee	Major H.W.R. Petersen
Information Officer	Mr. M. Leon
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood



**48th NZEA Congress, St. Matthews Collegiate School for Girls, Masterton, 5 - 9 Jan. 1983.**

President	Dr. D. Rogers
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. F. Adams
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. G. Sutton
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Major H.W.R. Petersen and Mr. F. Wood
Information Officer	Mrs. G. Sutton
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Circulation Officer	Mrs. N. Montgomery
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood

**49th NZEA Congress, Epsom Girls' Grammar School Hostel, Auckland, 6 - 10 January 1984.**

President	Dr. D. Rogers
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. F. Adams
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. M. Moore
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Mrs. G. Sutton and Miss S. May
" " Youth	Mr. D. Ryan
Information Officer	Mrs. G. Sutton
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**50th NZEA Congress, Erskine College, Wellington, 18 - 22 January 1985.**

President	Dr. D. Rogers
Vice President	Mr. E.R. Dearnley
Secretary	Mr. Ross Moore appointed after the Congress
Asst. Secretary	Mr. F. Adams
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Richardson
Exec. Committee	Miss S. May, Mrs. G. Sutton
" Youth	Mr. D. Ryan
Information Officer	Mrs. G. Sutton
Education Officer	Prof. C.J. Adcock
Congress Secretary	Mr. F.E. Wood.

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50th	1965	Tokyo, Japan	Mrs. Yvon M. Canty	1710	8
51st	1966	Budapest, Hungary	Miss Agnes Bray	3975	10
52nd	1967	(Tel Aviv) - Holland	No Representative	1265	-
53rd	1968	Madrid, Spain	" "	1769	-
54th	1969	Helsinki, Finland	Mr. Dennis Pease	1857	18
55th	1970	Vienna, Austria	Miss Gladys K. Jones	1987	21
56th	1971	London, England	Prof. C.J. Adcock	2071	23
57th	1972	Portland, USA	Mr. E.R. Dearnley	923	28
58th	1973	Beograd, Yugoslavia	Mr. Stefan MacGill	1638	31
59th	1974	Hamburg, Germany	Mr. Joe. Major	1651	35
60th	1975	Copenhagen, Denmark	No Representative	1227	-
61st	1976	Athens, Greece	Mrs. Joyce Hill	1266	39
62nd	1977	Reykjavik, Iceland	No Representative	1199	-
63rd	1978	Varna, Bulgaria	Mr. Fred. E. Wood	4414	44
64th	1979	Lucerne, Switzerland	Mr. Joe. Major	1630	46
65th	1980	Stockholm, Sweden	Mr. James T. Allan	1807	47
66th	1981	Brasilia, Brazil	Mrs. Rita. Aagaard	1749	50
67th	1982	Antwerp, Belgium	Mr. Joe. Major	1899	51
68th	1983	Budapest, Hungary	No Representative	4834	55
69th	1984	Vancouver, Canada	Mr. Fred. E. Wood	802	57
70th	1985	Augsburg, Germany	No Representative	2312	-

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2nd	1980	Vancouver, Canada	Mrs. Ellen Lymburne	-	47
3rd	1984	Portland, Oregon, USA	Mr. Fred. E. Wood	-	57

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